



PRESS RELEASE

GE Launches Next-Generation eHealth Platform

Global Offering Supports U.S. Meaningful Use Goals and Healthcare Information Exchange Around the World

ATLANTA – MARCH 2, 2010 – GE Healthcare today announced the launch of its next-generation eHealth Solutions platform* – an infrastructure offering that includes expanded services for health information exchange, a clinical portal and a patient health management system. Showcased this week during the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 2010 Annual Conference & Exhibition in Atlanta, the new platform is designed for international as well as domestic customers and can be adapted for regional markets in either hosted or deployed models.

“Healthcare professionals around the world recognize that connecting the healthcare IT ecosystem has enormous potential to improve the quality of health outcomes and to reduce costs,” said Vishal Wanchoo, president and CEO of GE Healthcare IT. “Our new eHealth Solutions platform builds upon our years of experience in clinical information exchange, can help our domestic customers leverage their existing software while helping them meet several meaningful use criteria, and provide our global customers with a foundation and toolset for building national-level EHR infrastructure.”

At the core of the new eHealth Solutions platform is the eHealth Information Exchange (HIE) -- a standards-based HIE infrastructure that integrates clinical data from across disparate systems and manages the wide variety of clinical records, document types and terminologies pervasive in today's healthcare system. Building upon the highly flexible infrastructure from GE's strategic partner InterComponentWare (ICW), the eHealth Solutions platform contains features that help assist providers in managing patient consents and privacy controls, provider notifications and security.

“Better and more complete patient information at the point-of-care helps doctors and nurses make better care decisions with fewer medical errors,” said Wanchoo. “Our platform securely delivers complete longitudinal, cross-community patient records for care providers, and integrates directly into clinical workflows.”



Sitting on top of the platform are applications such as the eHealth Clinical Portal and eHealth Patient Health Manager. The eHealth Clinical Portal provides clear visibility into aggregated data from the HIE for the care provider. The eHealth Patient Health Manager (PHM) is a web-based tool for patient engagement. With a PHM, patients can access their clinical data, record data points such as weight, glucose levels and blood pressure readings, and then share this information with their medical team or family members through controlled data access.

More value-added applications are planned to take advantage of the flexible and efficient coding tools embedded in the eHealth Solution platform. The eHealth platform is being marketed worldwide to care providers, IDNs, HIEs and governments and will support standards-based connectivity with GE's Centricity® family of products, as well as non-GE products.

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Our "healthymagination" vision for the future invites the world to join us on our journey as we continuously develop innovations focused on reducing costs, increasing access and improving quality and efficiency around the world. Headquartered in the United Kingdom, GE Healthcare is a \$17 billion unit of General Electric Company (NYSE: GE). Worldwide, GE Healthcare employs more than 46,000 people committed to serving healthcare professionals and their patients in more than 100 countries. For more information about GE Healthcare, visit our website at www.gehealthcare.com.

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