

Orion Health Joins Major Industry Leaders

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Orion Health Joins Major Industry Leaders in Alliance for Clinical Excellence (ACE)

AUCKLAND - February 27, 2009 - Orion Health today announced its participation in a new global industry alliance to determine the cost-benefit equation of IT in healthcare.

The Alliance for Clinical Excellence (ACE), launched at the regional HIMSS Healthcare IT Conference in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, is a significant global initiative with several other major industry leaders aimed at helping healthcare organisations improve disease outcomes while reducing cost burdens.

ACE participants at the launch included Orion Health, the Hong Kong Hospital Authority, Hong Kong Society of Medical Informatics, iSoft, MOH Holdings (Singapore), National University of Singapore (School of Computing), Oracle Corporation and CHIK Services.

ACE will address the healthcare industry's growing global demand for predictive, evidenced-based metrics to determine the cost-benefit equation that helps evaluate the deployment of IT systems.

Orion Health says the alliance will be of great strategic benefit to healthcare organisations globally. Believed to be the first industry-focused alliance of global significance Orion Health's CEO, Ian McCrae, says the company's participation will provide practical and long term benefits to its customers.

"Every day, Orion Health sees examples where our products have helped to deliver better patient care, improved operational efficiencies and increased patient satisfaction. This is anecdotal evidence to support that fact higher quality care can be delivered at less cost to the organisation. This new global initiative will go a long way towards quantifying this cost-benefit equation" said McCrae.

The immediate priorities for the ACE participants will be to work on defining best practice approach and methodologies to address these challenges in a global setting.

About the Alliance for Clinical Excellence (ACE)

The Alliance for Clinical Excellence is an open, global collaboration initiative focused on creating evaluation metrics of the cost and benefit (net value) of IT in healthcare with the aim to improve disease outcomes while reducing cost burdens. It aims to deliver evidence-based metrics, analysis and tools on a wide range of healthcare IT domains, in order to provide transparent and actionable recommendations to healthcare industry stakeholders.

About Orion Health

Orion Health's easy-to-use solutions and applications improve patient care and clinical decision-making by providing integrated health data in a single, unified view. By enhancing existing healthcare information systems, Orion Health's Rhapsody integration engine, Concerto physician portal, and workflow solutions provide healthcare workers with easy access to patient data and trends, and reduce errors and omissions by streamlining information transfer.

Worldwide, Orion Health is implementing health information communities involving over 35 million patients with tens of thousands of active users. Orion Health's partners include leading health system integrators and IT vendors such as Accenture, IBM, Oracle Corporation and others. Orion Health has more than 1,000 clients around the world, including the New Zealand Ministry of Health, Auckland District Health Board, HealthAlliance, New South Wales Health, UCLA(USA), Capital Health(Canada) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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