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### **eHealth Collaboratory Successfully Completes First Operational Phase with Ten Participating Vendors and Gears Up for Ongoing Services**

The eHealth Collaboratory (Collaboratory) announced that 10 vendors successfully participated in a unique Canadian initiative which demonstrated a commitment to standards-based, interoperable electronic health record solutions.

The Collaboratory is a joint initiative of Canada Health Infoway and the Centre for Global eHealth Innovation. Through this initiative, vendors collaborated in structured working sessions to highlight key features of EHR systems based on pan-Canadian standards and desired functionality within the context of a Physician's Office of the Future scenario.

The following vendors worked closely with the Collaboratory in this phase:

- ABELSoft (ABELMed-CMS)
- B-Sharp Technologies (B Care)
- Dapasoft (Long-term Care Solution)
- Dinmar (Oacis)
- Initiate Systems Inc. (Identity Hub)
- KATSI Canada (MedAZ)
- MDI Solutions (MD Link)
- Sentillion Inc (Vergence)
- VisualMED Solutions

*Source: Canada Health Infoway*

### **Sunnybrook implements wireless infrastructure**

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Bell Canada and Symbol Technologies, Inc. have announced the launch of a wireless communications solution within the hospital.

This solution includes mobile computers, a wireless network infrastructure and management software to help improve patient care and operational efficiency campus wide. Planned, deployed and integrated by Sunnybrook and Bell Canada, the enterprise mobility solution is part of an overall strategy using wireless networks and applications to improve workflow for better patient care and improved safety.

*Source: Bell Canada*

### **Nova Scotia nears end of province-wide PACS rollout**

Nova Scotia is on the last leg of a marathon data management project which will see the province fully switch over to digital imaging. The \$25-million project is designed to move medical imaging like X-rays, CTs and MRIs away from film and towards digital, allowing for faster processing, easier storage and the ability to share data between various healthcare institutions. The hospitals are using Agfa HealthCare's IMPAX for picture archiving and communication.

The project is being implemented in hospitals across the province by teams from district health authorities

with support from Sierra Systems, who provided project management; Agfa Inc., the vendor of the PACs equipment; and EMC Corp., the centralized information management and storage provider.

*Source: ITBusiness.ca*

### **Atlantic Health Sciences offers remote access data to diabetics**

AnyWare Group and Atlantic Health Sciences have developed a joint program giving recently diagnosed diabetic patients greater control over their healthcare by allowing them to submit data online such as their blood sugar levels, blood pressure and heart rate.

The Role-oriented Access Management (ROAM) system enables patients to securely gain access to certain medical files and disease education resources through an Internet connection. Medical personnel may then analyze patients' health-related data.

*Source: ITBusiness.ca*

### **PEI announces \$13 million investment in provincial EMR**

Prince Edward Island is building a \$13 million system that will standardize and connect EMRs in all seven of the province's acute-care hospitals and a mental health facility. The province will implement computerized solutions from Cerner Corp. for a host of applications, including admissions, discharge and transfer (ADT), lab, pharmacy, ordering and scheduling, and emergency rooms. The province will maintain its current Radiological Information Systems (RIS) from IDX and its Agfa Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS).

*Source: ITBusiness.ca*

### **Ontario Hospital Partners with Philips**

Philips Electronics Ltd. has signed a strategic partnership agreement with the Hopital Régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) in Sudbury, Ontario, worth approximately \$20 million (CAD) over three years. This partnership enables HRSRH to acquire leading-edge healthcare technology from Philips in the fields of computed tomography (CT, or CAT) scanning, catheterization laboratory technology, patient monitoring systems, ECG (electrocardiogram) equipment, and state-of-the-art ultrasound and X-ray technology.

Under the terms of the multi-year partnership Philips will provide HRSRH with advanced medical technology to diagnose, treat and prevent disease, and will also support HRSRH's strategic direction by devoting Philips' resources to assist in training, education and managing current facility expansion projects.

*Source: www.philips.com*