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Digital Healthcare and Medisoft “Close the Loop” with Ophthalmology

Digital Healthcare, the leading supplier of software to UK Diabetic Retinal Screening Services (DRSS) and Medisoft, the leading supplier of software to UK Hospital Eye Services (HES), today announce that they are working in collaboration to develop “Medisoft Connector” a software module that will allow the two-way transfer of patient and outcome data between their respective systems.

Diabetic retinal screening programmes, through regularly screening diabetic patients, are successfully helping save sight loss by early identification of sight threatening disease and referring patients to Hospital Eye Services for treatment. Until now, one of the frustrations for both the screening programme and the hospital eye service is the lack of integration between their information technology systems leading to the duplication of patient data and the implementation of labour-intensive manual systems to record information and transfer outcomes data between their systems.

The development of Medisoft Connector will see an end to that duplication, manual administrative overhead and potential clinical risk by automating the transfer of appropriate and relevant information between Digital Healthcare’s OptoMize system for DRSS and Medisoft Ophthalmology in a secure and safe manner.

Kevin McDonnell, Managing Director at Digital Healthcare commented “This new development initiative is a major step forward in the drive to provide better communication between DRSS and Ophthalmology. We are delighted to be working with Medisoft to bring this product to our customers that will help them improve their efficiency, and manage risk by automating manual processes.”

David Johnston, Managing Director at Medisoft commented “An interface between the clinical and administrative systems provided by Digital Healthcare for DRSS and by Medisoft for HES will help to ensure joined-up care of patients in the community and in the hospital. The screening programmes will benefit from having a complete record for any patients they refer to the hospital. Care of patients in the hospital will be enhanced as clinicians will see the full record of the patient’s care.”

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About Digital Healthcare:

Digital Healthcare provides software and related services for population based healthcare screening and technology to manage information and images in clinical ophthalmology. In the UK the care of over 1.4 million diabetic patients is managed using Digital Healthcare's OptoMize product with 41 regional Diabetic Retinal Screening Schemes providing screening to their patient populations to detect early and previously undiagnosed signs of diabetic retinopathy and other causes of blindness.

In the US the Company's Retasure service to detect signs of retinopathy in diabetic patients is used by nearly 900 physicians in 19 states.

Digital Healthcare's OcuLab product is used by some of the World's leading Ophthalmology Departments, including The Wilmer Institute in Baltimore MD, to integrate clinical instruments and distribute information across their institutions.

Digital Healthcare's award winning products are built on Microsoft's .Net and SQL Server technologies delivering powerful, scalable functionality in a secure and future proof environment.

About Medisoft:

Medisoft Ophthalmology is by far the UK's best selling Ophthalmology EMR system. It is currently in use at 47 NHS Trusts, three ISTCs, one GP surgery and four private hospitals in the UK and at hospitals in Ireland, Australia and Saudi Arabia.

Medisoft Ophthalmology's features include rapid data collection for all ophthalmic sub-specialties, letter and note generation, Clinician Decision Support, detailed audit of clinical outcomes and interfaces with many ophthalmic diagnostic machines and software packages. It has been developed by ophthalmologists, for ophthalmologists.