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Dialog Medical Completes Nationwide VA Installation

All 162 VA hospitals are currently using Dialog Medical's iMedConsent™ application to standardize the informed consent process

ATLANTA, September 22, 2005 — Dialog Medical, the leading provider of informed consent and patient education systems for hospitals and physician practices, today announced the company has completed the installation of its iMedConsent application in all 162 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals as part of nationwide licensing agreement signed in May 2004. iMedConsent serves as the backbone for the VA's Electronic Support for Patient Decisions (ESPD) initiative—helping VA healthcare facilities establish a "standard of care" as it relates to educating patients about conditions, treatment alternatives, benefits and risks of a procedure.

"It has been a privilege to assist the VA in its efforts to deliver the highest possible level of care to our nation's veterans," said Michael Burke, president of Dialog Medical. "The organization has set a nationwide standard with its electronic medical records system, and through its use of iMedConsent, continues to demonstrate leadership in the area of enhancing patient safety and care."

"Our implementation project managers have witnessed first-hand the provider enthusiasm for the ESPD initiative in VA hospitals across the country," added Jim Purcell, director of implementation for Dialog Medical. "The enthusiasm from veterans and their families for the quality and comprehensiveness of the clinical content that is provided to them by the iMedConsent application has been especially gratifying."

iMedConsent is designed to help physicians and hospitals assure consistency in the process of obtaining the patient's informed consent to treatments and procedures. The application includes consent forms for most medical/surgical procedures; patient education documents for thousands of diagnoses and treatments; and an extensive anatomical image gallery that allows the physician to annotate images and simplify complex topics for the patient. In addition, iMedConsent automates the completion of patient documentation ranging from HIPAA disclosures to advance directives, including the digital capture of signatures, paperless storage of signed documents and electronic notation in the patient's health record.

The iMedConsent application was customized for use within the VA Health System under direction from the VA's National Center for Ethics in Health Care and with input from the Office of Patient Care Services and the National Center for Patient Safety, and is employed by the VA across 24 medical specialties ranging from allergy to vascular surgery.

About Dialog Medical

Dialog Medical is a leading provider of informed consent and patient education systems for hospitals and physician practices. The company's iMedConsent™ application is currently used by more than 15,000 physicians in hospitals and physician practices nationwide. For more information on Dialog Medical and its products, visit www.dialogmedical.com.

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