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## **Dialog Medical Expands Relationship with St. Luke's Episcopal Health System**

*Leading health system extends the use of Dialog Medical's iMedConsent™ application  
to newly-opened St. Luke's Sugar Land Hospital*

ATLANTA, February 23, 2009 — Dialog Medical, the leading provider of informed consent and patient education systems for hospitals and physician practices, today announced a contract extension for its iMedConsent application with St. Luke's Episcopal Health System. Installation of the informed consent application has been completed at St. Luke's Sugar Land Hospital, a 100-bed, acute care hospital located in Sugar Land – one of the fastest growing cities in Texas.

iMedConsent includes procedure-specific consent forms for more than 2,100 medical and 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, the application 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 medical record.

Dialog Medical completed training of the St. Luke's Sugar Land Hospital staff prior to its opening late last year, and the application was 'live' when the first patients were admitted.

"The iMedConsent application has been the cornerstone of St. Luke's Episcopal Health System's efforts to standardize and automate the informed consent process as a means to enhancing patient safety and quality of care," said Michael Burke, president of Dialog Medical. "We are gratified that St. Luke's places such a high level of emphasis on physician-patient communication and that they elected to ensure the iMedConsent tool was in place at St. Luke's Sugar Land Hospital on 'Day 1'."

### **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 over 175 hospitals and physician practices nationwide. For more information on Dialog Medical and its products, visit [www.dialogmedical.com](http://www.dialogmedical.com).

### **About St. Luke's Episcopal Health System**

St. Luke's Episcopal Health System includes St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in the Texas Medical Center, founded in 1954 by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas; St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital; St. Luke's Sugar Land Hospital, opened in October 2008; St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities, a charity devoted to assessing and enhancing community health, especially among the underserved; and KS Management Services, LLC, overseeing 18 area clinic locations. St. Luke's Clear Lake Hospital is scheduled to open in 2010. Plans are underway for St. Luke's Lakeside Hospital in The Woodlands. St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital is home to the Texas Heart® Institute, which was founded in 1962 by Denton A. Cooley, MD, and is consistently ranked nationally among the top 10 cardiology and heart surgery centers in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. Affiliated with several nursing schools and two medical schools, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital was the first hospital in Texas named a Magnet hospital for nursing excellence, and twice has been honored with the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™ by HealthGrades, a leading independent company that measures healthcare quality in hospitals. The Health System has been recognized by *FORTUNE* as among the "100 Best Companies to Work For" and by the *Houston*

*Business Journal* as a top employer in Houston. St. Luke's Episcopal Health System also was honored as one of *Modern Healthcare* magazine's "100 Best Places to Work." For more information on St. Luke's Episcopal Health System, visit [www.sleh.com](http://www.sleh.com).

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