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Microsoft Healthcare Users Group and Microsoft Reveal Finalists Of MS-HUG Annual Awards

Awards Highlight Innovative Microsoft-Based Healthcare Solutions

ANN ARBOR, Mich., and REDMOND, Wash. — Dec. 11, 2002 — Microsoft Healthcare Users Group (MS-HUG) and Microsoft Corp. today announced the finalists for the MS-HUG annual awards, which recognize the most innovative healthcare solutions using Microsoft® technologies within the healthcare industry.

MS-HUG holds the annual Industry Solutions Awards for Healthcare (ISAH) event to recognize independent software vendors (ISVs) that utilize Microsoft technology to provide significant business benefits to healthcare organizations. In 2001, Microsoft introduced the Microsoft Physician of the Year Award to recognize the physician demonstrating the best use of Microsoft-based products and tools in his or her practice. This year, Microsoft expanded the awards program to recognize additional key constituencies, including hospitals, clinics, health plans and pharmaceutical companies. The addition of these user-focused awards enables MS-HUG and Microsoft to showcase those healthcare organizations that are clearly improving healthcare processes through the effective deployment and utilization of Microsoft-based products.

"The MS-HUG annual awards program gives us the chance to honor healthcare industry leaders and organizations judged to have made the best use of Microsoft technology in the healthcare community," said David Lubinski, general manager of the Healthcare Industry Solutions Group at Microsoft. "By offering new and improved ways to reduce costs and automate workflow, all MS-HUG annual awards entrants make significant contributions to the healthcare industry."

"We are delighted to have so many innovative companies, healthcare and pharmaceutical organizations participating in the expanded MS-HUG awards program this year," said Paul Hansen, chairman of the MS-HUG board of directors. "By featuring users that best utilize some of the most powerful solutions available today, we are able to show real progress toward our goal of

improving the quality and effectiveness of patient care."

Finalists in the ISAH categories will demonstrate their solutions in the Microsoft booth at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society conference, Feb. 9–13, 2003, in San Diego. Winners of the awards will be announced at the Microsoft booth, No. 3610, at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The 2003 category finalists for the Industry Solution Awards for Healthcare are as follows:

Healthcare ISV Finalists

Acute Care: Administrative/Financial Systems

- ProClarity Corp. – ProClarity Analytics Server
- scheduling.com – scheduling.com
- Siemens Medical Solutions – Siemens Document Imaging for Patient Financial Services

Acute Care: Clinical/Patient Information Systems

- Wellogic – Wellogic Consult
- Global Care Solutions – Global Care Solutions Amalga PACS
- Picis – PeriopSuite

Ambulatory Care: Administrative/Financial Systems

- Compusense Inc. – Ntierprise
- DP Solutions Inc. – MinePoint
- Millbrook Corp. – Millbrook Practice Manager
- NextGen Healthcare Information Systems Inc. – NextGen EPM

Ambulatory Care: Clinical/Patient Information Systems

- Allscripts Healthcare Solutions – TouchWorks
- NextGen Healthcare Information Systems Inc. – NextGen EMR
- digiChart Inc. – digiChart OB-GYN

Managed Care

- QCSI – QMACS
- CTA – Automated Clinical Practice Guidelines
- Unlimited Innovations Inc. – Cerecons

Emerging Technologies

- Proscap Technologies – Proscap Pharmaceutical Suite
- ProVox Technologies Corp. – TalkNotes
- DapaSoft Inc. – Critical Care Transfer Unit System

Other

- CereSoft Inc. – CereSoft
- MediServe Informations Systems Inc. –

- MediServe MediLinks
- Integration.AG – MedCenter

Microsoft User of the Year Finalists

Microsoft Physician of the Year

- Dr. Kevin J. Doody, Center for Assisted Reproduction
- Dr. John Saia, Associated Cardiovascular Consultants
- Dr. Don Caruso, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Keene

Microsoft Clinic of the Year

- Southeast Texas Medical Associates LLT
- Center for Assisted Reproduction
- Arkansas Physician Management Inc.

Microsoft Hospital of the Year

- Abington Memorial Hospital
- Sutter General Hospital
- St. Luke's Episcopal Health System

Microsoft Health Plan of the Year

- Motion Picture Industry Pension and Health Plans
- PacifiCare Health Systems

Microsoft Pharma of the Year

- Wallace Pharmaceuticals, a MedPointe Company

Full details are available on the MS-HUG Web site at <http://www.mshug.org/awards/index.asp>. More information about the awards is available by contacting Monika Skibenness at monika_tcs@msn.com or (425) 316-3079.

About MS-HUG

With headquarters in Ann Arbor, Mich., the independent, nonprofit Microsoft Healthcare Users Group is the leading healthcare industry forum for exchanging ideas, promoting learning and sharing solutions for information systems using Microsoft technologies. MS-HUG works to provide industry leadership, drive appropriate standards and develop associated requirements in support of healthcare solutions. The diverse membership of MS-HUG is united by a shared interest in implementing vendor- and user-developed software based on Microsoft technology to improve quality and efficiency in healthcare. More information can be found on MS-HUG's Web site at <http://www.mshug.org/>.

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