



THE CANADIAN NATIONAL USER GROUP FOR EMIS' SOLUTIONS ANNOUNCES 2009 MEETING

Microsoft to deliver keynote address on patient access to their own health record

Calgary, Alberta - 8 October 2008 – The Canadian National User Group (CNUG; pr: “snug”) for EMIS Inc. EMR users announced today that its 2009 annual meeting will be held April 30 (Registration and Vendor Meetings), May 1 & 2 (Conference), 2009 at the Banff Park Lodge Resort and Conference Centre, Banff, Alberta.

According to Steve Edworthy, M.D., a Rheumatologist and Co-Chair of CNUG, “Last year’s event was tremendous for an inaugural event and was attended by over 100 individuals from across Canada who have a stake in how the EMR will transform our healthcare delivery system. With EMIS’ growing place in physicians’ offices across Canada, we believe CNUG is a perfect venue to guide the country in the way the EMR, regardless of vendor, can transform our system to a more sustainable care delivery model.”

The 2009 event will carry on from 2008’s theme of exploring how the EMR can be utilized by physicians, allied health, and patients themselves to collaboratively improve care. While the agenda continues to be developed by the organizing committee, the keynote address is already confirmed and will be delivered by Microsoft as they discuss their vision of how technology will be leveraged by consumers and patients to take an active role in their health.

David Pattenden, Director of Healthcare for Microsoft Canada, will present how on-line initiatives like HealthVault can help to strengthen and extend relationships between patients and providers, and improve communications and data sharing to enable patient self-management for health, wellness and chronic disease scenarios. David will discuss Microsoft’s strategy in this area, and how on-line consumer tools and home medical device integration can extend the reach and value of EMRs to improve overall health outcomes.

For those interested in early registration and/or membership to CNUG, please visit the CNUG website (www.cnug.ca) or contact Maura Duncan, CNUG Coordinator at (403) 220-7893 or via email at mjduncan@mdera.ca

About CNUG

Building on the success of the National User Group (NUG) in the U.K. where EMIS’ solutions are utilized by the majority of general practitioners and are entrusted with over 40 million patient records, the Canadian National User Group (CNUG) is a user-led and managed organization focused on effecting better care for patients through the ongoing evolution of the electronic medical record (EMR). While CNUG activities do have particular interest to EMIS Inc. customers, CNUG’s focus is to serve in a role of leadership to all stakeholders who might benefit from the adoption of EMRs in improving both patient care and physician practice performance.

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