



Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Selects ChartMaxx(R) for its Health Information Management Department

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LYNDHURST, N.J., Sept. 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (NYSE: DGX), the nation's leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services, announced today that Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center has selected MedPlus' ChartMaxx(R) electronic health record solution to support its Health Information Management department with document management and imaging. ChartMaxx was developed by MedPlus, Quest Diagnostics' healthcare information technology subsidiary. Cincinnati Children's is the region's largest pediatric medical center.

Authorized users within the Health Information Management department will be able to electronically access patients' medical, financial and administrative information concurrently in a secure environment. With just a few clicks, ChartMaxx will enable users to quickly access patient records, expediting the flow of information and helping to provide faster service to the more than 23,000 pediatric patients admitted to Cincinnati Children's each year.

ChartMaxx is an enterprise-wide electronic health record solution built on a document management and imaging foundation that enables healthcare organizations to enhance performance by improving patient care and maximizing business results through the efficient collection, access and use of clinical, financial and administrative information. ChartMaxx provides authorized users with immediate, concurrent access to records captured from scanned documents, interfaced documents and discrete data.

"The entire team at Quest Diagnostics and MedPlus is pleased to put the power of ChartMaxx to work for Cincinnati Children's, including the thousands of pediatric patients who are admitted to the medical center each year," said Richard A. Mahoney, President, MedPlus and Vice President, Healthcare Information Solutions at Quest Diagnostics. "We anticipate that improved efficiency and workflow in the Health Information Management department will lead to faster service for Cincinnati's youngest patients."

About ChartMaxx

ChartMaxx is an enterprise-wide electronic health record solution built on a document management and imaging foundation that enables healthcare organizations to enhance performance by improving patient care and maximizing business results through the efficient collection, access and use of clinical, financial and administrative information. Immediate, concurrent access to information makes ChartMaxx a key component in efficient management of patient records. The solution provides the tools hospitals need to accelerate turnaround time for chart completion, introduce electronic patient registration, utilize remote coding, automate release of information and maximize electronic information access across the entire facility. ChartMaxx has been implemented in more than 120 hospitals and clinics throughout North America with more than 120,000 clinical and administrative users -- managing more than 400 million clinical and administrative documents for 15 million patients. For more information visit <http://www.medplus.com>.

About MedPlus

MedPlus, the healthcare information technology subsidiary of Quest Diagnostics, is a leading developer and integrator of clinical connectivity and healthcare data management solutions that foster better patient care and improve business performance for healthcare institutions, physicians and patients. The company's ChartMaxx and Care360 solutions efficiently and securely collect, store, manage and integrate clinical information within an organization, enterprise, practice or community. ChartMaxx, the award-winning electronic patient record solution, has been implemented in more than 120 hospitals and clinics with more than 120,000 clinical and administrative users. Care360 is a patient-centric physician portal providing a network of more than 80,000 physicians and their staff with tools to improve patient care and overall office efficiency. For more information, visit the company's website at <http://www.medplus.com>.

About Quest Diagnostics

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated is the nation's leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services, providing insights that enable healthcare professionals to make decisions that improve health. The company offers the broadest access to diagnostic testing services through its national network of laboratories and patient service centers, and provides interpretive consultation through its extensive medical and scientific staff. Quest Diagnostics is the leading provider of esoteric testing, including gene-based medical testing, and provides advanced information technology solutions to improve patient care. Additional company information is available at: <http://www.questdiagnostics.com>.

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