

CliniComp, Intl. and the Institute for Health Technology Transformation Host Meaningful Data for Meaningful Use Webinar

New York, NY (PRWEB) May 11, 2010 – CliniComp, Intl. and the Institute for Health Technology Transformation recently completed their first in a series of four webinars centered around the impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) on electronic health records (EHRs) and in using high acuity technology to optimize care, safety, operational efficiencies and return on investment.

The webinar featured insights from Suniti Ponkshe, Owner and CEO, Ponkshe Consulting Service and Alan Portela, President, CliniComp, Intl. They discussed the historical journey of health IT, Meaningful Use requirements, the industry's readiness to meet the requirements and timelines, the new approach that is needed, and the Meaningful Use implementation strategy for high acuity areas.

A recording of the webinar can be found by visiting www.ihealthtran.com/webinars.html

“The journey to achieving meaningful use requires provider organizations to carefully assess how to best meet the requirements from 2011 through 2015,” said Alan Portela, President, CliniComp, Intl. “There is now both an urgent need and a tremendous opportunity to focus on implementing clinical systems to meet the automation gaps which remain today, particularly within the high acuity areas of a hospital such as general and specialty intensive care units, pre and post anesthesia care, emergency department, and perinatal care.”

Alan Portela, also announced today, his participation at this week's Spring Health IT Summit presented by the Institute for Health Technology Transformation. Alan will be giving the introductory remarks on Day One as the official conference chair, as well as participating on the Meaningful Use panel on Day Two as a panelist. Alan will discuss key obstacles in achieving meaningful use, as well as the clinical and logistical priorities for meaningful use.

The Spring Health IT Summit will be taking place May 12-13 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and is bringing together over 200 CIO's, VP's, and Director's of IT from hospitals, health systems, and larger physician practices to discuss the latest trends, opportunities, and challenges in Health Information Exchange, Meaningful Use, Security & Privacy, Electronic Medical Records, and more.

Suniti Ponkshe is Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Ponkshe Consulting Services, an independent consulting company providing executive and technology services to private and public sector health care organizations. Ms. Ponkshe is a health care IT advisor and strategist to CliniComp, Intl. providing expert consultation to clients in strategic planning, operations management and technology services for electronic medical records.

Alan Portela has more than 20 years of leadership experience in IT as a strategic advisor for both prestigious medical centers and top-tier healthcare companies. An accomplished healthcare IT strategist and visionary, Mr. Portela helped define a virtual intensive care model based on the collection and presentation of real-time clinical data to caregivers, effectively reducing mortality rates caused by medical personnel shortages. He is currently President of CliniComp, Intl., a leading provider of mission critical clinical documentation solutions.

About the Institute for Health Technology Transformation

The Institute for Health Technology Transformation is the leading organization committed to bringing together private and public sector leaders fostering the growth and meaningful use of technology across the healthcare industry. Through collaborative efforts the Institute provides programs that drive innovation, educate, and provide a critical understanding of how technology applications, solutions and devices can improve the quality, safety and efficiency of healthcare.

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About CliniComp, Intl.

San Diego-based CliniComp, Intl. was founded in 1983 by Chairman and CEO Chris Haudenschild. CliniComp is a global provider of enterprise clinical documentation systems proven to improve the efficiency and safety of health care providers' highest-acuity workflows. The *Essentris® EMR™* suite is the inpatient documentation solution for the U.S. Military Health System and has supported patient care at leading health care systems such as VA North Texas Health Care System, UCLA Health System and Tenet Healthcare throughout the country for over 26 years. For more information, call 800.350.8202, visit www.clinicomp.com, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/clinicompintl and find us on Facebook at <http://www.Facebook.com/CliniComp>.