

## New Mobile Patient Communicator<sup>™</sup> Gives Patients an Interactive Education Tool and Boosts Nurse Productivity

-With just a touch patients check-in, "self-room," access medical information and learn about their treatment-

ATLANTA (March 30, 2009) – A new portable terminal used by patients during hospital, clinic and practice visits can reduce registration bottlenecks and streamline patient check-in, plus provides doctors, nurses and clinicians a more effective educational and productivity enhancing tool. International Medical Solutions has introduced the Mobile Patient Communicator<sup>™</sup> (MPC), an interactive touch-screen featuring comprehensive patient access to digital medical data, plus instantly delivering personalized disease instruction, streamed videos and health tutorials.

The MPC provides interactive patient education, targeted medical content and chronic care instruction on important topics like disease management, interacting drugs, complications, side effects, daily behavior, and diet and lifestyle choices. These instructional components can improve disease awareness, enhance patient literacy and boost provider compliance.

Used anywhere in outpatient clinics and ambulatory settings to gather personal medical data, patients just touch the MPC screen to check-in, access educational material and 'self-room.' At the provider's discretion patients can revise their profile, update their medication and immunization histories, and file e-consent forms.

Once registered, patients are notified of their exam room availability and provided a digital map with step-by-step directions. After unescorted self-rooming, they receive updates on their doctor's status. A large family medicine clinic at a nationally ranked healthcare provider is currently testing the MPC self-rooming application.

"Nurses spend a lot of time simply escorting patients from the waiting room to the exam room. We have found that the MPC can effectively room patients, while creating more value-added time for nurses to assume additional clinical tasks," said Kelvin Buncum, president of International Medical Solutions.

"A compelling attribute of the MPC is that it increases nurse and support staff productivity, since it frees up caregivers to devote more of their valuable time to patient evaluations," noted Buncum, who with his partner Jaime Mitchell, developed the MPC in conjunction with a family practice physician who saw the need to improve his medical support staff's productivity to meet growing demand and patients' knowledge of their chronic disease.

During their wait time patients can view educational videos in private to learn about critical matters involving their acute illness, chronic condition and procedures. The user-friendly MPC delivers subject matter specific to the patient's stage of care, treatment regimen, rehabilitation, care plan and disease management.

Serving as a personal health tutor and trainer, the MPC can perform pre- and post-instruction tests, scoring patients on their disease knowledge and retention. Healthcare providers can also grant users access to their clinical Web portal and patient applications via the MPC, providing significant utility over stationary kiosks.

The Mobile Patient Communicator is available with 7-, 10- and 12-inch touch screen options featuring an easy-to-use interface. All MPCs are password protected, run on secure in-house wireless networks and are compatible with common wireless network standards.

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