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SMAART-PACS Deployed with athenahealth PMS

Combining the advantages of the two systems improves care while lowering costs

DALLAS, TX - January 9, 2009. SMAART Medical Systems, Inc. of Dallas, TX, a leading provider of PACS/RIS systems to community hospitals, specialty physician practices and outpatient imaging centers, today announced the completion of its first integration with the medical practice management system (PMS) from athenahealth, Inc. The integration was completed for a new SMAART customer in Georgia, Augusta Sports Medicine.

The integration automates the workflow for this multi-provider orthopedic practice, ensuring accurate billing and patient records while reducing workload on the administrative and radiology staff. This is especially important for orthopedic practices where the majority of patients require a radiological exam. The combined system improves care by eliminating mistakes from entering the same data multiple times, saves staff time by automating many manual functions and eliminating paperwork, and improves collection rates by reducing days in accounts receivable.

Patient data is initially entered into the athenahealth PMS when an appointment is scheduled by administrative staff. The patient information is automatically sent from the athena PMS to SMAART's PACS/RIS via an industry standard HL7 interface. After a patient arrives at Sports Medicine, an order for a diagnostic x-ray is often scheduled in the SMAART- PACS/RIS, which passes the combined PMS/PACS information to the appropriate modality via SMAART's DICOM modality worklist. Once the exam is completed, the PACS returns procedure and billing details to the PMS for entry into the patient record and submission of billing to the payors.

"Ease of integration is the next leap forward for PACS and practice information systems," said Bev Milne, SMAART's Director of Customer Support. "Because combined systems offer so many advantages to patients and providers, I believe all systems in a practice or hospital will be integrated in the near future. SMAART's integrated HL7 engine makes integration a snap."

SMAART's PACS and RIS offerings are the most advanced, cost effective systems in its healthcare markets. SMAART designs its systems specifically for radiology applications with small to medium exam volumes, while SMAART provides the industry's best customer support. SMAART's systems are cost effective for practices and radiology departments beginning at just 150 exams per month to facilities with over 5,000 exams per month from multiple modalities. SMAART systems have the advanced features the market needs, while being simple to learn and operate at an affordable price.

SMAART Medical Systems, Inc. is a Dallas-based, national supplier of PACS (Picture Archive and Communication System), RIS (Radiology Information System), teleradiology, and advanced diagnostic software. PACS and RIS systems are the radiology industry's way to modernize diagnostic image management and eliminate the costs associated with x-ray film. A PACS system allows physicians and technologists to view, store, and manage images from x-ray, ultrasound, MRI, CT, PET, and other imaging systems. A RIS automates the workflow of an imaging center. A teleradiology system securely transfers a patient's images via the Internet from the imaging center to an off-site radiologist or physician. SMAART specializes in turnkey solutions for small to medium-sized hospitals and imaging centers. For additional information, visit our website at www.smaart.net.

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