



ConCert by HIMSS Announces Successful Completion of Pilot

HIMSS's testing and certification program continues to accelerate the interoperability of EHRs and HIEs, creating a rigorous national framework

CHICAGO (January 27, 2016) – ConCert by HIMSS™ today announced that four products have received the ConCert by HIMSS mark after completing a comprehensive pilot program that tests and certifies electronic health record (EHR) and health information exchange (HIE) vendors. These organizations are committed to advancing interoperability and enabling secure and reliable transfer of data within and across organizational and state boundaries. ConCert by HIMSS™ is an interoperability testing and certification program governed by HIMSS and built on the work of the EHR | HIE Interoperability Workgroup and IHE USA. ConCert by HIMSS works with ICSA Labs and Stella Technologies.

The 2016 ConCert by HIMSS Certified Products, honored during the 2016 IHE North American Connectathon Awards at the HIMSS Innovation Center & Global Center for Health Innovation in Cleveland, Ohio, include:

- **Caradigm**
- **iPatientCare**
- **MEDfx**
- **Qvera**

“These companies have spent the past year completing a rigorous testing program – the first certification program based on interoperability – to ensure their systems can communicate and enable data exchange in a way that ensures the right person has access to the right data at the right time,” said **Joyce Sensmeier, RN-BC, MS, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, FAAN**, vice president, informatics, HIMSS North America. “With this data, doctors, consumers and patients will have access to critical information that will empower the best point-of-care decisions. We celebrate and congratulate these organizations during IHE North American Connectathon Week 2016.”

“Interoperability certification creates clarity and direction for electronic health record (EHR) and health information exchange (HIE) vendors in the market,” said **George Japak**, managing director, ICSA Labs. “Healthcare providers that recognize the value of delivering better, more integrated care, will look for certified solutions to integrate with their IT systems.”

The interoperability standards that serve as the framework for ConCert by HIMSS have been recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (“ONC”). The ConCert by HIMSS Advisory Committee ensures simplicity and credibility of the program and informs outreach and education to clinicians, healthcare provider and vendor organizations, health information exchanges, health information services providers, and the broader health IT industry and



will continue to provide feedback from implementations to the national health IT standards-setting initiatives established by ONC.

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