INDUSTRY AWARDS FOR EMR SYSTEMS

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2003 TEPR Award Finalists

Winners of the 4th annual TEPR awards will be announced May 12 at the Exhibit Hall reception of the 19th annual TEPR Conference and Exhibition, being held May 10 to 14 at the San Antonio Convention Center. The conference is aimed at helping health professionals gain a wide perspective of options and implementation processes for new technologies and systems, with a goal of improving the care process.

Independent judges use a set of criteria to evaluate each entry from the vendor community and choose finalists, who each give a 15-minute product presentation. First, second and third place honors are given.

The following are the finalists in the EMR System categories:

Small/solo practices (1-14 physicians)

- eClinicalWorks, Northboro, Mass.--eClinicalWorks EMR
- Hamilton Scientific Ltd., West Caldwell, N.J./VerizonIT, New York--myPatient-Charts
- JMJ Technologies Inc., Marietta, Ga.--EncounterPRO

Medium/large practices (15 or more physicians)

- Epic Systems Corp., Madison, Wis.--EpicCare Ambulatory EMR
- IMedica, Mountain View, Calif.--PhysicianSuite
- NextGen Healthcare Information Systems Inc., Horsham, Pa.--NextGen EMR Small hospitals (up to 199 beds)
- Askesis Development Group Inc., Pittsburgh--PsychConsult Provider 5.0
- Cerner Corp., Kansas City, Mo.--Community Hospital Solutions
- Siemens, Malvern, Pa.--Soarian Cardiology

Medium/large hospitals (200 or more beds)
• Cerner Corp.--PowerChart
• Epic Systems--EpicCare Inpatient
• MDanywhere Technologies Inc., Baltimore--MDAClinical

TEPR awards are also given for practice management systems for physician offices, wireless systems for hospitals and for physician offices, and document imaging systems for hospitals.

2003 MS-HUG Award Winners

Since 1997, an annual awards program known as Industry Solution Awards for Healthcare (ISAH) has been sponsored by the Microsoft Healthcare Users Group (MS-HUG), Ann Arbor, Mich., and Microsoft Corp., Redmond, Wash. It honors independent healthcare software vendors for innovative use of Microsoft-based products and tools that provide tangible business benefits to healthcare organizations.

An independent panel of judges--made up of experts in the healthcare industry--scores submissions on the basis of the following criteria: business benefit to the customer, business agility, ease of adoption, solutions architecture used in development and technical challenges.

The following companies received a 2003 MS-HUG ISAH for Clinical/Patient Information Systems:

• **Acute care**. Global Care Solutions, Baltimore, for its Global Care Solutions Amalga PACS
• **Ambulatory care**. NextGen Healthcare Information Systems Inc., Horsham, Pa., for its NextGen EMR

The ISAH is also given for administration/financial systems in acute and ambulatory care, emerging technologies and managed care.

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