

Telstra Health strengthen hospital EMR capability with acquisition of Emerging Systems

5 December 2014 – Telstra Health has continued to acquire key capabilities as it builds a connected health system, confirming today it has purchased the Australian based hospital electronic medical record (EMR) company Emerging Systems.

The acquisition of the Emerging Systems hospital based electronic medical record solution builds on Telstra Health's product offerings for hospitals and complements their solutions in pharmacy, aged care, residential care, telemedicine, hospital data analytics, radiology and pathology.

Emerging Systems flagship electronic medical record product, EHS, has been chosen by 29 hospitals across Australia, all of whom are dedicated to providing services outside of the hospital walls and into the community they serve.

Telstra Health Managing Director, Shane Solomon, said that Emerging Systems was selected because of the focus on communicating with other systems, ease of use, and a pragmatic implementation approach that delivers quick wins in a hospital's EMR journey.

"Emerging Systems are a dynamic company and both their team and their software solutions are aligned to our ambitions. One of their strengths is that we feel their system can more easily enable a patient to share their hospital information with their doctor, specialist, residential or community carer," Mr Solomon said.

"Strategically this is an important acquisition and capability for us. We are building a more connected health system and hospital records obviously play a key role in that. I think Emerging Systems help us further address that need and better integrate that information across the health system.

"I also look forward to working with their management team who bring a strong skill set, commitment and innovative approach to eHealth," Mr Solomon said.

Emerging Systems Chief Executive Officer, Russel Duncan, said that the sale to Telstra Health provides greater scope and funding to be able to expose the company to exciting new possibilities.

"Our values and vision have always been on innovation, partnerships and delivering for our customers and we feel that these are shared by Telstra Health, in particular our commitment to interoperability of systems," said Mr Duncan.

About Emerging Systems

Launched in 1999 Emerging Systems has become a leader in Australian E-Health market, specialising in Clinical Information Systems. The company brings together leading clinically qualified change managers with experts in software and web development, network integration, security, cloud technology and operating environments.

Emerging Systems innovative clinical information system - Emerging Health Solutions (EHS) - was awarded winner in the eHealth category of the 2010 iAwards for the state of NSW and was the first hospital vendor to complete system integration with the PcEHR. EHS is the chosen electronic medical records solution for leading healthcare providers such as St. John of God Healthcare and St. Vincent's Health Australia.

About Telstra Health

Telstra Health is a leading provider of eHealth solutions with the ambition to create a better health system for patients, providers and funders. Telstra Health aims to be the partner of choice, working with the industry, government, funders as well as the world's best and most innovative eHealth companies to build a future where eHealth solutions are integrated together to create a brilliantly different health care system. Telstra Health is a business division of Telstra Corporation, Australia's leading telecommunication company.

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