



- A new player in the Canadian Healthcare Industry is born

# CHITTA - The Canadian Healthcare Information Technology Trade Association

## ... Strengthening Canada's Healthcare ICT industry

The concept of CHITTA was developed in late 2001 leading to its "creation" by a dedicated group of CEOs and senior executives of leading Canadian companies providing products and services to the Canadian healthcare community in April, 2002. Their firms represent a broad spectrum of ICT services to an equally broad spectrum of Canada's healthcare delivery system and its supporting infrastructure. Health Canada is also represented in this founding group. Subsequently, strong relationships have been developed with Industry Canada.

Based on the guiding principle that Members working within CHITTA act in a pre-competitive manner - to represent the industry as a whole not special interests or their specific companies, the mission of CHITTA is:

"to strengthen the competitiveness of Canada's Healthcare Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry through cooperative efforts among and between members and through direct contact with all levels of Government and associated agencies."

CHITTA has developed a set of objectives consistent with this mission, focusing on industry development. Activities range from the "basics", e.g. building and publishing an inventory of Canadian ICT companies in this space, to international trade missions and market research. CHITTA's success will be measured by increased business for Canadian companies, whether domestically or abroad.

## Off to a running start

David Watling, the founding Chair of the CHITTA Board is also pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached between CHITTA and Alberta's Physician Office Systems Project (POSP). Under this agreement CHITTA will be the sole channel for communication and consultation with the vendor community on the evolution of the program, and specifically the requirements for POS solutions.

"This is exactly the type of relationship we desire with government", states Mr. Watling. "Until now, there has not been an organized mechanism for such efforts, and while government has frequently wanted to consult the industry-at-large, it has been unable to find an effective channel. CHITTA fills this void".

## Membership

Membership in CHITTA is available to companies, partnerships, and proprietorships that are engaged, in whole or in part, in the business of providing products and/or services to the Canadian Healthcare marketplace. Eligibility is based on the number of resident Canadian employees and revenue volumes.

CHITTA offers Associate Membership to those firms' not meeting member criteria and to Universities, colleges and other educational institutions

Affiliate membership is available to Institutes, research facilities, government and professional associations.

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