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Victorian MD3 Medical Practice implements MediSecure® Secure Electronic Prescriptions

The Coliban Medical Centre today announced the successful completion of a 6 week pilot of the MediSecure® e-prescription service. Coliban uses the Medical Director 3 clinical system.

Practice Principal, Dr John Turner, MBBS, B.Th. FRACGP, said "We made an early decision at Coliban to embrace e-health because of the clear patient benefits that come out of a wide-spread e-health system. We understand that this is early days in e-health however the decision to join MediSecure® followed the recommendations of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the fact that Dr Chris Mitchell at Lennox Head in NSW was leading the e-health revolution by example. We understand that the e-prescriptions service from MediSecure® provides us with a standards-based, secure service at no cost to Doctors that will improve patient safety by minimising prescription errors at the pharmacy and, in time, giving our primary healthcare team feedback on what medicines have actually been dispensed and the patient's adherence to their medication regime."

"We agreed to make the Coliban Medical Centre an early adopter site for integration of MediSecure® with our practice clinical system, MD3. We thought it was fitting that another rural practice provided leadership in this important health reform after Lennox Head. The installation was conducted by ArgusConnect and proved to be a painless process. The system now works seamlessly and efficiently with our clinical system without any noticeable performance change. The barcode is printed on the scripts and patients can have these dispensed at their pharmacy of choice," said Dr Turner.

Some 400 Medical Director 3 practices have signed MediSecure® licences and are ready to commence operations. MediSecure® uses the proven eHealthNT technology originally deployed by General Practice Network NT (GPNNT), a leading division of general practice. The MediSecure® technology includes the latest HL7 clinical data standards, open architecture and the most recent Prescription Message standards in its working e-prescription solution. The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Australian Association of Practice Managers actively supports MediSecure®.

"We have invited all Pharmacy and Medical Practice software vendors to join the MediSecure® service. Our working solution includes clinical messaging providers such as ArgusConnect and ReferralNet delivering e-scripts from doctor's desktops to the MediSecure® Script Vault®," said Phillip Shepherd, MediSecure CEO. "MediSecure is working closely with the leading clinical information systems vendors to provide a tightly integrated secure service for our many licence holders. We welcome participation by all vendors of clinical information and clinical messaging systems and look forward to concluding effective commercial arrangements that support the primary health care sector in this important health reform. We already have a solid footprint in the pharmacy sector and the minfos® dispense system is rolling out its MediSecure® integration right now".

General Practitioners attending the RACGP's **GP'09 conference** in Perth 1-4 October 2009 can see a working demonstration at the MediSecure® stand 34-37.

More information is available at www.medisecure.com.au .
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