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MediSecure®— the secure and simple e-prescription solution— congratulates ArgusConnect and Medical-Objects on the announcement of a major advance in applied e-health in Australia and a breakthrough for secure electronic delivery of clinical information.

In what constitutes “one of the biggest steps forward in developing a fully interoperable health messaging system for Australia” Medical-Objects and ArgusConnect, Australia's main clinical communications networks, have agreed to integrate their secure clinical communications and directory services. This will allow over 20,000 participating doctors and health care professionals to securely exchange clinical data and more easily communicate important information that will improve patient health outcomes.

MediSecure® chairman Paul Montgomery said:

“We congratulate Argus and Medical Objects for creating the first interoperable medical messaging systems. This is an important breakthrough in the promotion and adoption of e-health in Australia as it increases the utility and value of e-health systems and ensures increased flexibility for general practitioners in managing health outcomes for individual patients. We recognise that interoperability is only possible where stringent standards have been adopted by the systems vendors. NeHTA is the guardian of those standards. MediSecure® recognises and uses these same standards for the electronic transfer of clinical data in the form of e-prescriptions. We look forward to interoperability through standards with all e-prescription systems as this will increase the value and utility of e-prescriptions for patients, doctors and pharmacists and deliver an improvement in patient safety in the medicines supply chain”.

MediSecure® commends ArgusConnect and Medical Objects for their innovative and clear thinking approach to interoperability across the medical messaging industry. This cooperative advance by one of MediSecure®'s founders, ArgusConnect, will make medical messaging simpler and more efficient for doctors, saving them time and effort and improving patient care outcomes.

Associate Professor Ron Tomlins (Chair, RACGP National Standing Committee on Quality Care) said, “GPs want to communicate with their colleagues easily and effectively, irrespective of which messaging provider they use. Interoperability is the key and e-health standards are crucial. The RACGP looks forward to the increased opportunity to be able to communicate electronically with our specialist colleagues.”

“MediSecure® believes interoperability is the key to making life simpler for all medical professionals. With the Argus initiative, clinical messages will be able to move between different GPs, specialists, and other health providers regardless of whether they use Medical Objects or Argus. MediSecure® believes that interoperability is essential for all e-health solutions and it is especially important in e-prescriptions for community pharmacy where considerable efficiencies lead to improved patient safety. MediSecure® already uses the clinical data standards for the e-prescription and we are ready to create Australia's first interoperable e-prescription solution. We would welcome an initiative to cooperate in a standards-based industry solution,” said Phillip Shepherd, MediSecure CEO.



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MediSecure® uses proven technology from the eHealthNT e-prescription trial (as implemented by GPNNT) and delivers the best possible security through compliance with HL7 and IT14 current and emerging standards, as well as open design principles and participation.

The full media release on the ArgusConnect Medical-Objects collaboration can also viewed at http://www.argusconnect.com.au/webfm_send/107.

More information on MediSecure, – the secure and simple e –prescription solution is available at www.medisecure.com.au.

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