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Queensland Minister for Health Announces Success of e-Health Clinician Usability Study at Robina Hospital

The Honourable Stephen Robertson notes that study results of the Motion C5 Mobile Clinical Assistant show improvements in areas such as delivery and quality of care and staff productivity

SYDNEY -- September 30, 2008 – Motion Computing[®], a leader in mobile computing and wireless communications, announced today that the Queensland Minister for Health, Stephen Robertson, enthusiastically welcomed the early study results of the C5 Mobile Clinical Assistant (MCA) at Robina Hospital. In addition to improvements in delivery and quality of care and staff productivity, Robertson estimated a 30 to 60 minute time savings per clinician per day because doctors don't have to walk away from patients to record or access data.

The e-health clinician usability study is part of the Bligh Government's eHealth initiative, which aims to harness smart technology to improve clinical practice and provide safer health outcomes. The initial phase of the trial involved about twenty doctors at the Robina campus of Gold Coast Hospital, and the next phase will involve the use of the C5 by other professional groups, including senior ward nurses, clinical pharmacists and emergency staff.

The Minister stated that their goal was to assess the impacts and benefits of the wireless devices and provide recommendations for further use of the C5s across Queensland's public hospitals. He also stated that the tablet PCs enable doctors, nurses and allied health professionals to obtain the information they require as they are performing clinical duties at the point of care. This means the real-time recording of results, increasing the amount of time doctors are able to spend with patients.

The Motion[®] C5, the industry's first MCA developed in collaboration with Intel[®], is a hospital-grade device that is proven in healthcare environments. The highly mobile, rugged PC features an easy-to-use interface that supports multiple functions, and an integrated barcode scanner, RFID reader, and digital camera that ease clinician workloads and enhance productivity. To better fit into hospital workflows, the highly-portable device weighs approximately 1.3kg and is encased in a semi-sealed protective covering that allows for easy disinfection. Additionally, now available with integrated wireless broadband, the C5 can be deployed across hospitals leveraging Telstra's NextG network.

The Robina Campus of Gold Coast Hospital realised a variety of improvements by utilising the C5, including access to patient historical data and test results at the patient bedside, reduction of redundant tests due to immediate access to patient information at the point of care, enhanced team collaboration and improved patient communications. During the study it was noted that clinicians saved valuable time because they didn't have to leave the patient bedside to check test results.

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“Having closely collaborated with Queensland Health, we are pleased with these initial results from the C5 study at the Robina Hospital,” said Brett Gross, Motion’s Regional Manager, Australia and New Zealand. “The C5 can help Queensland public hospitals by transforming the way care is delivered at the patient bedside. We look forward to continuing our work with Queensland as they further evaluate and document use of the C5 among a variety of clinician users.”

To learn more about the C5, hear customer testimonials or access clinician usability study whitepapers visit http://www.motioncomputing.com/products/tablet_pc_c5.asp.

About Motion Computing

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