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Compressus Builds Momentum with 3 Interoperability Implementation Project Agreements

WASHINGTON, Nov 25, 2009 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ ---Compressus, leaders in interoperability of disparate healthcare IT systems, today announced the company has recently completed three customer agreements for the implementation of Enterprise-wide interoperability solutions, integrating digital imaging and data management systems. Involving 23 hospitals and imaging centers around the country, the multiple implementations will include some 100 radiologists and a combined diagnostic image volume of more than 2 million, when all phases of implementation are complete.

The sites include Texas Radiology Associates (TRA) of Plano, Texas, Meridian Imaging P.A. (MIPA) of Meridian, Miss., and Southwest Imaging and Interventional Specialists (SIIS) of Dallas, Texas.

TRA, a 70 member radiology group, recently acquired a new hospital contract with a light study load that requires an onsite radiologist, MEDxConnect will enable the radiologist to be as productive as those physicians staffing facilities with significant study volumes. TRA contacted Compressus to connect sites on the network for workload balancing across the TRA private network and to make subspecialty reads available in an efficient manner. MIPA is a private clinical radiology practice, which consists of 12 facilities, five disparate PACS archives, five disparate RIS systems and multiple dictation platforms. MIPA selected Compressus for the functional capability of MEDxConnect to aggregate all of the disparate archives into one common worklist, display relevant priors, and historical documents associated to specific studies. SIIS is a 22 member radiology group that has chosen MEDxConnect to provide a more efficient use of the group's subspecialty capabilities across the SIIS enterprise, create an electronic order from contracted facilities that are without a RIS and streamline the disparate dictation platforms.

"We have some very talented radiologists capable of high quality subspecialty reads within the SIIS network; however, with our current systems, we're not using them as effectively as we'd like. Being able to centralize disparate modalities and systems into a single, virtual worklist will enable us to improve the quality of our care and the ability to provide that care quickly and efficiently," said Scott Bundy, MD, neuroradiologist and director of [business](#) development at SIIS.

The MEDxConnect System acts as a communications hub, enabling various PACS, HIS, RIS and other data information systems to connect and communicate across the Enterprise. Utilizing HL7, DICOM, and other standards, the System helps control the flow of images, reports, messages, standard patient demographics and other important data for diagnosis and treatment planning of a patient between otherwise independent and disparate systems. The integrated imaging and data management solution from Compressus is designed to support a facility's current and expanded workload and provide an infrastructure for sustained growth. Building the functionality required for remote connectivity, the system enables users to access diagnostic images and reports in the existing data stores at each facility, increasing the level of medical care while reducing the associated costs.



"The community hospitals we support are within walking distance of each other, but when it comes to the transfer of patient information, it can seem as if they're 100 miles apart," said Stacey Thaggard, MD, of MIPA. "With five different PACS and multiple RIS situated across a network of rural and community hospitals, access to prior exams and diagnostic reports can be a real issue. And, when you're talking about an acute situation, this is not just a matter of efficiency but also patient care. We look forward to being able to have access to priors and to have reports sent in a timely fashion so our clinicians can make better and faster decisions."

"Providing high quality and cost-effective imaging services is increasingly difficult as radiology practices increase geographic areas and service offerings while battling resource constraints and system connectivity conflicts," said Janine Broda, chief marketing officer for Compressus. "Compressus has been helping practices solve these issues for more than three years and we are pleased to see the industry recognize and reward these efforts. We look forward to helping these practices achieve their specific goals for a comprehensive interoperability solution designed to improve patient care and support aggressive business expansion goals."

About Compressus, Inc.

Established in 2000, Compressus, Inc., is a medical [software](#) company offering proven interoperability solutions to the rapidly growing healthcare IT market. Its MEDxConnect software is the first solution that indexes, integrates and routes all relevant patient medical information to the healthcare professional in real time, thus dramatically improving physician efficiency, reducing enterprise costs and increasing patient safety. The MEDxConnect Products address the problems associated with integrating healthcare enterprises plagued by the lack of connectivity and interoperability between disparate islands of HIS, RIS and PACS systems. The MEDxConnect System is a suite of offerings designed to manage the workflow of an imaging healthcare enterprise. It has the power to connect disparate HIS/RIS/PACS systems and provide automated interoperability to the enterprise and allows an organization with disparate multi-vendor systems function as one virtual enterprise.

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