



HCA INTERNATIONAL APPOINTS SWEDEN'S LEADING PROVIDER OF DIGITAL DICTATION SOFTWARE TO MEET THEIR DIGITAL DICTATION AND SPEECH RECOGNITION REQUIREMENTS

After stringent evaluation **HCA International**, the largest private healthcare provider in the Central London area, has chosen **MedSpeech** together with **Philips Speech Magic** as the preferred solution for their Digital Dictation and Speech Recognition requirements. HCA is considered to be one of the most prestigious private healthcare organisations in the world having a reputation second to none in Central London.

HCA International currently manages six acute hospital sites in central London – The Princess Grace Hospital, Portland Hospital for Women and Children, The Harley Street Clinic, Wellington Hospital, Lister Hospital and London Bridge Hospital – and four outpatient diagnostic centres. In the region of 180,000 radiology examinations are performed annually across all 11 geographic sites.

A rolling programme of installations of MedSpeech and Philips Speech Magic software will be initiated in December 2007 starting with all HCA international's radiology departments across all sites. This will in turn progress to organisational wide installations in the future. "I am greatly excited about the realisation of my vision to see Voice Recognition becoming an integral part of our service delivery and feel greatly encouraged that our very rigorous testing has brought us to this point" states Kaye Bonython, HCA UK Programme Manager for Imaging Informatics.

MedSpeech is developed by the Stockholm based company **Euromed Networks AB**. This company is the leading brand in the Nordic regions and offer digital dictation and image management software. They have supplied the leading Scandinavian hospitals to deliver a functional quality service. They have extensive experience of the provision of digital dictation and imaging software providing a total of 20,000 licenses both to primary and secondary care and account for approximately 45% of the Scandinavian market.

MedSpeech recently was awarded Sweden's UsersAward certification where three sites were selected at random and evaluated. The feedback regarding MedSpeech was overwhelming, specifically pointing out the ease of use and superior functionality. Kaye Bonython added: "One of the key advantages that led to the selection of MedSpeech was the scalability of the product and the long standing track record of successful implementations of hospital-wide roll outs in Sweden and Scandinavia. Their team have demonstrated skills and commitment to the key integration issues that will enable us to fully utilise the MedSpeech product with our existing HIS, RIS and PACS systems. My team are also excited at the prospect of working with Euromed to further develop the use of both Digital Dictation and Speech Recognition across our organisation."

"Together with our distributor in the South East of England, Newman Business Solutions and closely supported by the Swedish Trade Council, we have worked hard for the past 12 months to establish ourselves in the UK market...We are not only happy to have HCA as a customer, but view our relationship, as we do with all our customers, as a long term partnership" states Bo Eklund, Euromed Networks, Managing Director.

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