

Henry Schein Announces the Adoption of Microsoft as Primary Platform Vendor for Next-Generation Medical Software

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AMERICAN FORK, Utah--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 15, 2006--Henry Schein (NASDAQ:HSIC) announced today that it has adopted the Microsoft (NASDAQ:MSFT) technology platform for their next generation of Electronic Medical Records (EMR) software.

Henry Schein's Medical Systems Division has worked closely with Microsoft technology and consulting groups to develop a new architecture for their EMR. The new product is being written from the ground up with an architecture that embodies widely recognized industry's "best practices."

In addition, the new software will make use of the latest Microsoft technologies, including the .NET Framework, SQL Server 2005 and the Windows Presentation Foundation Technology (WPF). According to Jamey Christensen, director of Henry Schein Medical Systems, the new architecture leverages many technologies to create a powerful user experience for doctors.

Christensen noted that new technologies in the software included a modular, Plug-in Framework, Click-Once(TM) deployment technology, and WPF for effective user interface design.

By working together, Henry Schein and Microsoft are enabling immediate results for the healthcare industry, said Pradeep Rathinam, U.S. ISV General Manager for Microsoft. "We are very excited about Henry Schein's use of SQL Server 2005, the .NET Framework and several Vista technologies -- their work is representative of the tremendous momentum in the software vendor community with Microsoft technologies."

"In short," noted Jim Harding, chief technology officer of Henry Schein, "teaming up with Microsoft in creating the new system will give office-based doctors something they have never had: a unified system that is easy to use, and uses the latest technologies and best practices from the software industry."

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Headquartered in Melville, N.Y., Henry Schein employs nearly 11,000 people and has operations in 19 countries. The company's sales reached a record \$4.6 billion in 2005. For more information, visit the Henry Schein Web site at www.henryschein.com.

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