

Oscar EMR Version 12.1 Achieves Canada Health Infoway Certification

December 06, 2012 (Toronto, ON) – Canada Health Infoway (*Infoway*) and Open Source Clinical Application Resource (OSCAR) Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Inc. announced today that OSCAR version 12.1 has achieved Infoway's J-class, Laboratory and Clinical Documents certification.

"We congratulate OSCAR EMR Inc. for achieving *Infoway* J Class, Laboratory and Clinical Documents certification of its OSCAR version 12.1 system," said Richard Alvarez, President and CEO, Canada Health Infoway. "This accomplishment demonstrates to the EMR market that this product meets pan-Canadian standards for privacy, security and interoperability."

In order to achieve certification, OSCAR EMR underwent an assessment process to demonstrate that it met or exceeded the standards set by Infoway Certification Services.

"By achieving this certification, OSCAR version 12.1 demonstrates that as an open-source EMR it is a secure and interoperable IT solution contributing to a more connected health care system. This enables OSCAR EMR to provide a solution that ensures privacy and confidentiality while improving the overall experience of health care for both patients and providers," said David Price, Chair of the Board, OSCAR EMR.

OSCAR's certification and interoperability with regional and provincial eHealth assets offers direct benefits to users, contributes meaningfully to health system improvements, and enables better patient care.

Infoway's strategic efforts to hasten EMR adoption and use at the point of care in community and out-patient care settings, leverages and connects to the work that has already been done to build jurisdictional electronic health record systems. These systems allow authorized clinicians to access key information about their patients' health histories.

About OSCAR EMR

OSCAR EMR, a recently established not-for-profit corporation, is a key part of the vibrant OSCAR ecosystem. OSCAR EMR is ISO 13485:2003 certified and, on behalf of the OSCAR community, ensures OSCAR's quality from design and development to implementation and support. It does so in part through formal affiliation with Approved OSCAR Service Providers and Approved OSCAR Self-Service Providers who are committed to promoting and upholding quality standards, and to contributing to the sustainability and effectiveness of OSCAR's Quality Management System. While OSCAR EMR is based in Hamilton, Ontario, the organization works in collaboration with the Canada-wide OSCAR community, with large user groups in British Columbia and Ontario, and other users across Canada and internationally. For more information about OSCAR EMR, please contact: oscar.emr.iso@gmail.com



About Canada Health Infoway

<u>Canada Health Infoway</u> is an independent, not-for-profit organization funded by the federal government. *Infoway* jointly invests with every province and territory to accelerate the development and adoption of information and communications technology projects in Canada. Fully respecting patient confidentiality, these secure systems will provide clinicians and patients with the information they need to better support safe care decisions and manage their own health. Accessing this vital information quickly will help foster a more modern and sustainable health care system for all Canadians.

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