



Dr. Eric Mankin of Temple University Health System Receives Microsoft Physician of the Year Award

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SAN DIEGO, Nov. 1 /PRNewswire/ -- A panel of five industry experts selected Dr. Eric Mankin, Chief Medical Officer for Temple Physicians Inc. at Temple University Health System in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the Microsoft Physician of the Year. The award was based on his innovative use of the TouchWorks(TM) suite of applications from Allscripts Healthcare Solutions (Nasdaq: MDRX). The solution was delivered using Pocket PC-based mobile devices integrated with Temple's enterprise information system to measurably improve the quality of patient care.

Jeff Raikes, Group Vice President of the Productivity and Business Services Group at Microsoft, announced the award during his keynote speech at the MS-HUG Windows on Healthcare conference. Mankin was one of four finalists out of a field of 40 physician entries for the award.

Mankin championed the use of the Allscripts TouchWorks solution, a suite of handheld wireless clinical-decision support applications for physicians at the point of care, on mobile devices for 135 of Temple University Health System's physicians. The solution, implemented in less than 90 days, included TouchWorks Rx+(TM), a software application that enables physicians to generate electronic prescriptions, automatically and instantly check for drug-to-drug interactions and insurance formulary status, and then send the prescription electronically from the exam room directly to the pharmacy. The TouchWorks solution uses a Pocket PC device connected wirelessly to a workstation application running SQL Server and Windows 2000.

"My role as chief medical officer is to enhance the quality of care for our organization's active population of 150,000 patients, reduce malpractice risk in an extraordinarily 'risky' county (Philadelphia), and manage the costs of care delivery for a health system that has accepted the insurance 'risk' for 75,000 of its patients -- all while meeting the expectations of a chronically frustrated physician group that is overly burdened by paperwork, phone calls and interminable hassles, such as memorizing eight different managed-care formularies," Mankin said. "I piloted TouchWorks in my family practice, and then aggressively championed and implemented the TouchWorks product from Allscripts for our primary-care physicians and many specialists, which has allowed us to make considerable strides in each area."

"We are pleased that Dr. Eric Mankin was named winner of the Microsoft Physician of the Year award," said Dr. Ahmad Hashem, Global Healthcare Industry Manager at Microsoft. "Dr. Mankin's use of the TouchWorks solution on the Pocket PC platform demonstrates how this technology can have a big impact on boosting efficiency, lowering costs and enhancing the quality of medical care."

"Allscripts is proud that TouchWorks played a part in recognizing Dr. Mankin's exemplary leadership role in the healthcare industry," commented Peter Geerlofs, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of Allscripts Healthcare Solutions. "As a physician driven company, we applaud his efforts in leveraging technology to add value to the way physicians practice medicine and deliver a superior level of care to the patients of Temple University Health System. The TouchWorks solution is clearly becoming the preference of many leading physicians, as underscored by Dr. Mankin's award today." A number of the other finalists for this award also utilize the TouchWorks applications in their practices.

The Microsoft Physician of the Year panel of judges was made up of Dr. Terry Clark, F.A.C.S., President of Global eMedicine LLC; Josh Fisher, Equity Healthcare Analyst for Dresdner RCM Global Investors LLC; Dr. C. Martin Harris, Executive Director of the e-Cleveland Clinic and CIO of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Randolph Miller, Professor and Chair of the Department of Biomedical Informatics at Vanderbilt University; and Dr. Edward Zabrek, F.A.C.O.G., Medical Editor of Pocket PC Magazine.

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