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## **Meta Health Technology Announces Implementation of PowerAbstract by Capital Health in Alberta, Canada**

**New York, NY** - Capital Health, one of Canada's largest academic based health systems based out of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has recently completed implementation of the Canadian version of Meta Health Technology's PowerAbstract software at eight facilities and six satellites.

The Regional Abstracting Project was initiated in April 2000 to guide the selection and implementation of an abstracting, coding and reporting information system to replace the six disparate systems that were in use across the health region. Capital Health's executive team searched for a new, regional system that would better position the region to comply with ICD-10-CA/CCI and Canadian Institute For Health Information (CIHI) regulatory requirements that became mandatory after March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002.

In October 2000, the region issued a Request For Proposals to solicit the marketplace for possible solutions. The Meta Health PowerAbstract and 3M Codefinder applications were selected because they best matched the region's requirements.

In addition to facilitating compliance with regulatory requirements, there are a number of anticipated benefits of implementing a regional system. According to Jo Kucher, Regional Director, Patient Information Services, these benefits include:

- facilitation of consistent business practices
- support for consistent data collection
- timely, improved reporting from a common database
- reduced maintenance effort and cost.

In January 2001, Capital Health and Meta sat down to develop the project plan and objectives. The resulting detailed strategy called for implementing the hospitals in a sequence that would ensure a smooth transition to the new software with minimal interruption for the user community.

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The strategy mapped out a late June to early December timeline. "The aggressive timeline was designed to ensure that Health Record staff have enough lead-time to become familiar with the regional system before the new regulatory requirements come into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002," said Troy Clarke, Project Manager, Information Systems for Capital Health.

Eli Nahmias, Meta's President, is delighted with the success of the endeavor. "With proper planning and excellent execution by both Capital Health and Meta, we were able to complete this project on time and on budget. We are very proud of our achievement in this complex project, and we look forward to many more successful implementations, both in the US and in Canada."

Meta's first Canadian client, Capital Health implemented Meta's CHARMS 2000 chart management products in 2000.

### **About Meta Health Technology**

Meta Health Technology is a full-service provider of software solutions that enhance day-to-day operations in today's Health Information Management department. Meta's specialty is HIM, and its products are designed to meet the specific needs of the HIM department. Headquartered in New York City, the company has served the healthcare industry exclusively for over 25 years. Meta's clients range from small community hospitals to many of the largest and most prestigious medical facilities across the United States and in Canada. The company provides a level of client service that is unmatched in the industry.

Meta's CHARMS 2000™ is a comprehensive suite of HIM applications designed to automate and augment critical HIM functions, including EMR, abstracting and coding, chart tracking, deficiency management, release of information, document imaging, electronic signature and department management. CHARMS 2000 is designed for acute care and other hospitals, HMOs and large physician groups.

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