



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

April 22, 2009

Media Contacts:

Marc E. Klar, PracticeOne, 877-363-3797, Extension 2922, marc.klar@practiceone.com

John Morrissey, CCHIT, 312-674-4934, jmorrissey@cchit.org

PracticeOne's e-Medsys EHR RECEIVES 08 CCHIT CERTIFICATION
Software Complies with Updated Interoperability Requirements

Somerset NJ – The Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT®) today announced that **PracticeOne's e-Medsys EHR Version 5.2 is CCHIT Certified® 08 Ambulatory EHR**, and is **additionally certified for Cardiovascular Medicine**, and meets the Certification Commission's electronic health record (EHR) criteria for office-based use. Ambulatory EHRs are designed for physician offices and clinics where most Americans get their healthcare. The Commission – a private, nonprofit organization – is the Recognized Certification Body in the United States for certifying health information technology products.

"Two key new areas of interoperability are required to achieve 08 certification," said Mark Leavitt, M.D., Ph.D., chair, CCHIT. "First, ambulatory EHRs must be capable of advanced electronic prescribing functions so physicians can qualify for bonuses under Medicare's new incentive program. Second, EHRs must be able to send and receive an electronic patient summary. These and other new criteria will ensure that certified health IT products help improve quality, safety and efficiency while protecting the privacy of health information."

In the third year of the program's operation, the criteria and testing have been significantly updated again to provide physicians with more assurance that certified products will meet their needs for functionality, interoperability and security. The Commission added 19 criteria to the 200 required in 2007. Those changes were focused on the ability to exchange patient information with other systems. A CCHIT Certified 08 Ambulatory EHR ensures:

- Additional electronic prescribing features: access to the patient's medication history, formulary, and eligibility.
- Better and safer medication dosing, adjusted for patient weight and other factors.
- Better ability to prevent adverse reactions due to drug interactions or allergies.
- Use of standard formats to exchange basic patient information for continuity of care.
- Enhanced ability to view X-rays and other diagnostic images.
- Better management of patient consents and authorizations.
- Increased use of standard formats when receiving and storing laboratory results.

As a CCHIT Certified product, e-Medsys EHR has been tested and passed inspection of 100 percent of these new criteria.

Hank Cohn, President of PracticeOne said, “We are extremely pleased and proud that our e-Medsys EHR has attained both 08 Ambulatory Certification as well as 08 Certification in Cardiovascular Medicine, testaments to both the product’s capability and the PracticeOne EHR Development Team. With the ARRA incentives for EHR usage, and interest in EHR at an all time high, this is a very exciting time to have 08 Certification. We look forward to welcoming many new members to the rapidly growing PracticeOne family.”

The CCHIT Certified “seal of approval” for EHR products provides a consensus-based, government-recognized benchmark for ambulatory EHR products. By looking to products with the CCHIT Certified seal, physicians and other providers can reduce their risk in selecting an EHR product, allowing them to focus their evaluation on the special needs of their practices.

About PracticeOne, LLC (www.practiceone.com):

PracticeOne is an innovative provider of clinical and practice management technical solutions to the providers of medical care. These solutions include systems for [Electronic Health Records](#) (EHR), [Practice Management](#) (PM) and the Company’s own [Patient Access Portal](#). Systems from PracticeOne are available as Client Server or ASP / SaaS. A single database is utilized for a truly unified solution. PracticeOne provides timely Implementation, excellent Training and ongoing U.S. based Support (which always includes software updates).

About CCHIT

The Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT®) is a private, nonprofit organization that has been named by the federal government as the Recognized Certification Body for health information technology. Its mission is to accelerate the adoption of health information technology by creating a credible, sustainable certification program. The certification requirements are based on widely accepted industry standards and involve the work of hundreds of expert volunteers and input from a variety of stakeholders throughout the health care industry. More information on CCHIT and CCHIT Certified® products is available at www.cchit.org and at www.ehrdecisions.com. “CCHIT®” and “CCHIT Certified®” are registered marks of the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology.

###