Falcon Physician weighs in on usability at EHRA Summit: Providers and Software Developers Collaborate to Improve EHR Usability

DENVER, Jan. 5, 2016 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Falcon Physician spoke on the EHR Usability panel at the first open usability workshop in Chicago on December 8, co-sponsored by The American College of Physicians (ACP) and the Electronic Health Record Association (EHRA). Falcon Physician Product Manager Faye Stech, along with physician user Dr. Adam Weinstein, spoke on how to engage clinicians, EHR developers, and usability experts regarding opportunities to improve how EHRs are designed, developed, and implemented. With the accelerated adoption of these systems driven by the EHR Incentive Program and other delivery system reform efforts, improved usability is widely recognized as critical to achieving the benefits that providers expect from their EHR investments: more efficient, effective patient care and support for new care models.

"This was an amazing opportunity to collaborate, educate and engage with a diverse group of EHR users," said Stech. "We don't often have a platform such as this to talk about something bigger than our product suite. This forum facilitated real conversation about EHR usability, its strengths and weaknesses, and why this technology is worth investing in. Ultimately, the work we are doing will help save lives."

In addition to Falcon Physician and the ACP, other professional groups, provider organizations, EHR companies, and academic institutions were also in attendance. Wayne Riley, MD, MACP, president of ACP, was enthusiastic about the commitment of these organizations. "We are very pleased to see that so many busy professionals are willing to take a day to help us move forward on this important issue. Part of the usability challenge is to meet the needs of different specialties, varying physician workflows, and patient populations with vastly different care delivery requirements."

About Falcon Physician
The Falcon Physician product suite integrates with the dialysis center and doctor's office to manage kidney patients' health records from CKD through ESRD and can be accessed wherever there is internet access. Developed in collaboration with practicing nephrologists, Falcon's technology tools are supported by a dedicated team of health technology experts.

To learn more about Falcon Physician, visit www.falconehr.com.

About the American College of Physicians
The American College of Physicians (ACP) is a national organization of internists – specialists who apply scientific knowledge and clinical expertise to the diagnosis, treatment, and compassionate care of adults across the spectrum from health to complex illness. The ACP mission is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine. ACP was founded in 1915 to promote the science and practice of medicine, and since 1915 has supported internists in their quest for excellence. By sharing the most updated medical knowledge, offering top-notch educational resources, and a wide array of additional benefits, ACP has shown a commitment to internal medicine and those who practice it.

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About the EHR Association
Established in 2004, the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Association is comprised of more than 30 companies that supply the vast majority of operational EHRs to physicians' practices and hospitals across the United States. The EHR Association operates on the premise that the rapid, widespread adoption of EHRs will help improve the quality of patient care as well as the productivity and sustainability of the healthcare system as a key enabler of healthcare transformation. The EHR Association and its members are committed to supporting safe healthcare delivery, fostering continued innovation, and operating with high integrity in the market for our users and their patients and families. The EHR Association is a partner of HIMSS.

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