Cegedim Logiciels Médicaux (CLM) chosen to design and implement a platform for sharing medical data as part of Europe's epSOS project

The epSOS project involves 12 countries and aims to supply cross-border services ensuring safe, efficient medical treatment to EU citizens when they travel. France, led by the efforts of the Health Ministry and ASIP Santé – the national project coordinator – is participating in this large-scale project. In 2011 CLM has been tasked with designing and implementing a pilot platform for sharing medical data among four French universities participating in the Erasmus study abroad program.

Paris, March 9, 2011 – Cegedim Logiciels Médicaux (CLM), software publisher and service provider dedicated to the medical profession for over 20 years, announces its participation in the European Patients Smart Open Services (epSOS) project. The goal of the project for this year is to set up a pilot project for sharing medical data in Europe. CLM will create the web-based solution, provide hosting services and roll out the platform among pilot participants, four French universities (Dijon, Paris X, Poitiers and Strasbourg).

Providing better services to European patients

The European epSOS project, coordinated in France by ASIP Santé, involves 12 countries: Germany, Austria, Denmark, Spain, France, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, the UK, Slovakia and Sweden. Its goal is to create a "Patient Summary" for every European citizen, a short medical history in a standard format including essential data that can improve treatment such as allergies, previous medical and surgical history, vaccinations, any current illnesses and treatments underway, etc. Healthcare professionals in other countries would be able to consult this Patient Summary with the patient's consent.

France, the project's pilot country, wanted to combine this launch with one of the European programs most closely associated with student mobility, the Erasmus study-abroad program. The pilot phase will provide doctors at four French universities with an internet platform designed and hosted by Cegedim, a certified Health Data Hosting company.

In concrete terms, the epSOS service will make it possible:

- for a French student preparing to study at a foreign university to create a Patient Summary during a visit to the university doctor. A doctor at a foreign university participating in the pilot program will be able to consult this Patient Summary.
- to give the university doctor access to the Patient Summary of a foreign student visiting a French university. This Patient Summary will have been created and saved in the student's country of origin.

CLM, a player in sharing health data in Europe

The teams of the IT services division of CLM in charge of this ambitious project rely on their GRS solution for managing electronic health records, and more specifically a structured medical summary, which is being developed to meet the specific requirements of the epSOS project. The solution incorporates current norms and standards for sharing health data (IHE, HL7-CDA, CPS authentication, national healthcare ID, and health data hosting, notably). The medical summary used for the epSOS project draws on the technology found in CLM's Crossway Premium and Médiclick software.

"Cegedim Logiciels Médicaux brings to this project 20 years of experience in medical software, a capacity for innovative web technologies and an ability to offer user-friendly tools suited to trends in medical practices. Being chosen for this project validates our approach based on organizing essential health data involved in coordinating care and making it possible to exchange the data safely and efficiently," says Francis Mambrini, Vice Chairman of Cegedim Healthcare Software.

CLM: keeping step with changes in medical practices

Like the other services it offers, the platform CLM has created for the epSOS project is being developed as a way to work closely with doctors to help their practices evolve and to make it easier to coordinate care: simplifying administrative and regulatory tasks, facilitating access to e-services such as sending electronic care forms or dematerializing certificates for incorporating the DMP (electronic health record) function into software. It also represents a response to the new directions being taken in the way care is organized, linked to scarcity in the medical professions, development of group medical practices and other healthcare structures, and to the resulting needs for coordination and security. Lastly, it aims to create a comfortable experience for clients by optimizing the user-friendliness of software offerings and avoiding double entries.

About Cegedim Logiciels Médicaux (CLM):	CLM has more than 20 years' experience computerizing the healthcare profession and is a part of Cegedim Healthcare Software. With *LC 2011*, it offers a complete range of communicative software and related services dedicated to general practitioners and specialists. Designed to meet the needs of a changing business environment, notably with respect to medical profession demographics and the way care is organized, software in the *LC 2011 Premium* range (*Crossway, Cardiolite, Eglantine* and *Medigest*) and *MédiClick* range ensure healthcare professionals flexibility and scalability, while allowing them to pick the solution best suited to their specialty, user preferences and type of practice (independent, group, healthcare center or network, etc.). Structured, communicative and interoperable, these products are designed with information sharing and the DMP (French Electronic Health Record) in mind. CLM works closely with its physician clients through its network of 15 regional branch offices. To learn more, please visit: www.cegedim-logiciels.com
About Cegedim Healthcare Software (CHS):	Created in 2009, the Cegedim Healthcare Software Business Unit encompasses nine Cegedim subsidiaries and more than 1,500 employees in eight countries: France, the UK, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Tunisia, Chile and the US. The business unit produces software solutions for healthcare professionals. Pharmacists, general practitioners, specialists and paramedics – CHS caters to a broad range of healthcare professionals with a comprehensive range of IT solutions: - medical and paramedical management (electronic health records, schedules, accounting, etc.), - pharmacy management (sales, inventory, electronic filing), - publishing the Banque Claude Bernard drugs database (prescription assistance), - installing care networks and Shared Medical Records projects.
About Cegedim:	Founded in 1969, Cegedim is a global technology and services company specializing in the healthcare field. Cegedim supplies services, technological tools, specialized software, data flow management services and databases. Its offerings are targeted notably at healthcare industries, life sciences companies, healthcare professionals and insurance companies. The world leader in life sciences CRM, Cegedim is also one of the leading suppliers of strategic healthcare industry data. Cegedim employs 8,500 people in more than 80 countries and generated revenue of €927 million in 2010. Cegedim SA is listed in Paris (EURONEXT: CGM). To learn more, please visit: www.cegedim.com

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