



## **MEDHOST And Ascom Integrate Systems, Giving Emergency Department Clinicians Access To Real-Time Patient Alerts Via Any Wireless Device**

**Streamlined delivery of critical information improves ED workflow, patient safety and quality of care**

**ADDISON, Texas – Jan. 7, 2008** – MEDHOST, provider of the leading Emergency Department Information System (EDIS), today announced its successful integration with the FreeNET Voice Over Wireless Fidelity (VoWiFi) system from Ascom, the leading developer of workplace wireless communication solutions. Interoperability with Ascom means that messages and alerts generated in MEDHOST can be distributed to multiple types of wireless devices carried by clinicians, even when they are outside of the emergency department (ED).

With Ascom, MEDHOST alerts and notifications - including test results, patient reassessment reminders, patient registration or discharge – are immediately distributed to any device with e-mail or text message capabilities. This unique Ascom attribute allows clinicians to receive MEDHOST alerts on their own day-to-day device used for hospital communication or on an Ascom VoWiFi handset.

“By interfacing Ascom with our MEDHOST EDIS, clinicians have fewer items to carry, patient flow will improve and there will be better communication,” said Steve Lanning, director of emergency services at Conway Medical Center. “The interface enables MEDHOST’s auto pages to be received directly on our Ascom phones, so new orders are completed faster, and alerts about new patients are received in real time on one device.”

“We are pleased to offer a seamless integration with MEDHOST,” says Tom McKearney, VP of Marketing and Business Development for Ascom. “Our ability to work with different EDIS vendors to provide real-time messaging to the hospital personnel demonstrates our commitment to providing the best wireless solution to our customers.”

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Interoperability with Ascom also furthers MEDHOST's ability to enhance workflow, which ultimately leads to reduced patient wait times, better throughput and higher patient satisfaction scores.

“When ED clinicians have wireless access to real-time information, they're more mobile and can make more informed decisions, which leads to better patient care and safety,” said Craig Herrod, president and CEO of MEDHOST. “By integrating with Ascom, MEDHOST adds another dimension to our EDIS and further strengthens our ability to create operational and financial improvements for urban and rural hospitals alike.”

MEDHOST currently serves more than 130 facilities, including the Baylor Healthcare System in Texas, Catholic Healthcare West in California, Catholic Health System in New York and Tenet Healthcare Corporation. MEDHOST is the preferred EDIS provider of VHA Inc., a national cooperative serving more than 2,400 not-for-profit healthcare organizations. MEDHOST easily integrates with leading hospital information systems, including MEDITECH, Cerner, Siemens and McKesson.

### **About Ascom**

ASCOM is a leading provider of on-site wireless communications for key segments such as hospitals, manufacturing, retail and hotels. More than 70,000 systems are installed at major companies all over the world. The company offers a broad range of voice and professional messaging solutions, creating value for customers by supporting and optimizing their Mission-Critical Processes. The solutions are based on VoWiFi, IP-DECT, DECT, Nurse Call and paging technologies, smartly integrated into existing enterprise systems. The company has subsidiaries in 10 countries and employs 1,200 people worldwide.

### **About MEDHOST, Inc.**

MEDHOST is a software solutions company that provides highly visual, easy-to-use process management technology for the healthcare industry. The MEDHOST product suite has been adopted by leading institutions throughout the United States and has proven to dramatically improve emergency department processes and financial performance. It is MEDHOST's mission to ensure Customer satisfaction by providing the highest levels of quality, performance and service, as evidenced by top KLAS rankings year after year. Products include real-time Patient Tracking, Nurse Charting, Physician Documentation, Order Entry and comprehensive reporting. MEDHOST is headquartered in Addison, Texas.

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