

## **ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL CHOOSES SALUMATICS TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND CONVERSION SERVICES TO FACILITATE INNOVATION**

*Mississauga, Ont.* – Salumatics Inc. and St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Ontario today announce an agreement that will see Salumatics provide records management and conversion services to assist in the transition from existing, paper-based health records to a digital records system.

St. Michael's Hospital, a major center for innovation in patient care, teaching and research will integrate its various electronic and paper-based information systems into a single source solution in order to provide health-care professionals with point of care access to critical patient health information.

“In 2003 the Hospital began a multi-year project to develop a comprehensive electronic patient record. With two of three phases complete, we needed a solution to seamlessly connect our historical paper based records with our future need for a fully integrated health information system,” says the CIO of St. Michael's Hospital, Anne Trafford.

Salumatics will complete a historical backfile document conversion of all paper based charts to digital images prior to the new document management system's implementation, creating a seamless experience for St. Michael's health records staff, clinicians and physicians. Salumatics will then continue to provide day-forward document conversion services for new records until 2012.

“The decision to move forward with Salumatics for both historical and day-forward outsourced scanning provides St. Michael's with a distinct advantage in the healthcare community, allowing the hospital to focus on the things that matter most, patient care.” says the President of Salumatics, Allan Magnacca.

### **About Salumatics Inc.**

Salumatics is a privately owned Canadian company with the corporate head office and facilities in Mississauga, Ontario and in Montreal, Quebec. Salumatics has been serving clients since 2000 providing a host of outsourced services including Clinical Information Management Services

(Remote Coding, Abstracting, Consulting), Electronic Health Record Services, Document Conversion Services, and Hosted Data (Disaster Recovery) Services.

Salumatics has provided conversion services for over 30 hospitals across North America with very large scanning projects (18 to 24 million images per project) in Canada within the last three years.

### **About St. Michael's Hospital**

St. Michael's Hospital is a world-renowned academic health science center. Every year, 4,800 staff and 600 physicians teach 1,800 students, perform 25,000 day surgeries, treat 600,000 patients in clinics, see 54,000 patients in the emergency room and provide round-the-clock care to 24,000 inpatients. Fully affiliated with the University of Toronto, St. Michael's Hospital leads the way in clinic care, neurosurgery, arthritis and osteoporosis, keyhole surgery, diabetes, cancer care and care of the homeless and vulnerable populations in the inner city. It is the designated adult trauma center for downtown Toronto and a major referral center for the province of Ontario.

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