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CDISC International Interchange: "Standards for Patients"

Austin, TX – 25 August 2011 – The CDISC International Interchange this fall in Baltimore will highlight "Standards for Patients". The Conference on 12-13 October features three prominent keynote speakers, presentations from CDISC leaders and volunteers from around the globe and interactive panels on streamlining clinical research and using EHRs for research. Colloquia to discuss standards for specific disease areas, CDISC authorized education programs and other networking opportunities will take place on 10, 11 and 14 October.

An opening keynote presentation on a Learning Healthcare System will be delivered by Dr. Charles Friedman, Professor and Director of the Health Informatics Program in the Schools of Information and Public Health at the University of Michigan and formerly Chief Scientific Officer from the U.S. Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) of Health Information Technology. This keynote will be preceded by an opening statement from CDISC Board Chair, Dr. Frank Rockhold.

"CDISC is pleased to host this important and popular International Interchange to further their important work in streamlining the clinical research process to improve patient care and safety", stated Dr. Rockhold. "The theme 'Standards for Patients' is particularly appropriate since researchers can only properly and morally serve the patients who participate in clinical research if they can make good use of the data for the purpose of learning. That is the value of standards."

The opening keynote on Thursday, 13 October will be delivered by Dr. Greg Koski, Senior Scientist, James Mongan Institute for Health Policy and a Harvard Medical School Professor, who will speak about a new initiative for streamlining global clinical trials. Dr. ShaAvhree Buckman, Director of the Office of Translational Sciences in CDER/FDA, will present an FDA keynote on Thursday afternoon, prior to the annual Interchange FDA Panel Discussion. The CDISC Advisory Board dinner meeting on 11 October will include an FDA Town Hall, and the therapeutic area specific Colloquia will occur earlier that day and on 14 October.

CDISC would like to thank Oracle for their global CDISC Interchange support along with SAS, McDougall Scientific and Percept Pharma Services for their dedication and commitment to CDISC by sponsoring the 2011 CDISC North American Interchange. The Colloquia will be supported by CDISC, the Critical Path Institute and the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP/APPI). We would also like to thank our Media Partners: Touch Briefings, PhUSE, DIA, and the Critical Path Institute.

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For a full program and registration for the Interchange go to http://www.cdisc.org/interchange.

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CDISC is a global, open, multidisciplinary, non-profit organization that has established standards to support the acquisition, exchange, submission and archive of clinical research data and metadata to streamline clinical research. The CDISC mission is to *develop and support global, platform-independent data standards that enable information system interoperability to improve medical research and related areas of healthcare.* CDISC standards are vendor-neutral, platform-independent and freely available via the CDISC website. Additional information on CDISC can be found on the CDISC website at www.cdisc.org.

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