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ElectRIS by MDIA Answers President Obama's Call for Computerization of America's Medical Records

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WOODLAND HILLS, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 23, 2009--In a speech at George Mason University on January 8, 2009, then President-Elect Barack Obama stated, "... we will make the immediate investments necessary to ensure that within five years, all of America's medical records are computerized..."

ElectRIS by MDIA, the Electronic Diagnostic Record (EDR), is a critical component of the Electronic/Computerized Medical Record (EMR). Together they offer a comprehensive Electronic Health Record (EHR). Universal implementation of the EMR is being articulated by President Obama as an essential step to "cut waste, eliminate red tape, and reduce the need to repeat expensive medical tests." ElectRIS by MDIA can currently provide HIPAA-compliant access to archived web-based medical imaging examinations on a national basis no matter where the study was obtained, thus facilitating portability and the availability of all of a patient's diagnostic imaging examinations at a single location, for further evaluation, second opinions, comparisons, and other medical needs. "ElectRIS not only affords accessibility to diagnostic imaging studies, but eliminates the costs of lost examinations, unnecessary repeat examinations, and the inability to obtain studies for subsequent comparison, expert consultation and/or conferencing," said Ronald J. Friedman, M.D., MDIA President and Chief Executive Officer.

Friedman adds, "As healthcare providers go paperless, the full benefit of the EMR will only be realized with integration of the EDR, facilitating a comprehensive EHR." Gail M. Schlesinger, M.D., MDIA's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer emphasized, "The EDR as a component of the EHR is invaluable in assuring quality of care on a timely basis utilizing the greatest amount of information available." Dr. Schlesinger further emphasizes that "MDIA's patients and clients have realized and embraced the value of ElectRIS by MDIA for improved quality of patient care and substantial cost savings."

To learn more about ElectRIS by MDIA, please visit MDIA's websites, <http://www.mdia.com> and <http://www.electrisonline.com>. Telephone inquiries may be made to (800) 400-4MRI (4674).

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