



PathWays Mental Health & Addictions E-Referral Goes Live in Victoria

March 12, 2008 – VICTORIA, BC – A groundbreaking web-based Mental Health & Addictions eReferral service went live today in Victoria, British Columbia. The launch marked the culmination of more than two years of clinical partnership between Strata Health Solutions, the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), Canada Health Infoway and Cerner Canada.

“This has been one of the most complex and exciting partnerships our firm has entered into to date,” said Strata Health CEO Don Schick. “We have worked together with VIHA to map over 200 Mental Health & Addictions services within the Victoria metro into the Strata PathWays™ referral software. This project leverages technology to make a real difference in health outcomes for this very vulnerable population. We are very proud of that and see potential for use in many jurisdictions.”

VIHA clinicians will refer clients to optimal care resources with the click of a mouse. They now have real-time service availability and wait times instantly at hand. Mental Health & Addictions services are widely distributed in the Victoria area – but now, MDs and clinicians can review and action, on a single screen, all appropriate services summarized and matched to patients’ clinical needs.

“VIHA is excited to partner with Strata on this program to provide better care for our clients,” said VIHA President and CEO Howard Waldner. “The spectrum of services available to clients can be complex to navigate, and Strata Health has provided excellent technology in developing an E-health system that will improve clients’ access to services. I also want to pay tribute to our Mental Health and Addictions team who have been instrumental in this successful launch of this project, as well as the contribution from Canada Health Infoway as part of this E-health initiative.”

For patients discharging from hospital, Strata Health is the global innovation leader in web-based software that safely accelerates delivery of chosen and appropriate community care. The Strata PathWays™ suite of integrated patient flow solutions matches clients in real time to the full spectrum of community care streams delivering increased client safety, independence and choice, improved resource utilization and robust reporting for both daily frontline decision support and long term strategic planning.

Strata PathWays™ software is now accelerating patient flow in health regions and Local Health Integration Networks serving more than eight million Canadians.

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About Strata Health Solutions Inc: (www.stratahealth.com)

Strata Health leverages technology to achieve dramatic patient flow improvement within health systems. Our clients say they’ve entrusted us with the job of creating patient flow solutions that achieve real and dramatic benefits for patients, their families and the world’s devoted front line caregivers. Operational in Canada, the UK and Australia/New Zealand, Strata Health is a privately-held Canadian corporation. It is comprised of professionals with empathy for those who need care and intense respect for those who devote themselves to caring for others.

Strata PathWays™ is an online, real-time waitlist optimization system. Connected to care providers in the community, it provides front line clinicians with real-time information on appropriate bed availability for post-acute patients. The e-Referral system radically reduces the time that patients occupy acute care beds after they have been assessed for discharge into alternative community programs – now including Mental Health & Addictions, Rehabilitation/Sub-Acute, Home Care, Continuing Care Centers, Assisted Living, Palliative, Physiotherapy and Adult Day Programs.