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iSOFT hosts forum to discuss future role of eClinical trial technologies

Banbury – 14 September 2011 – iSOFT recently hosted the eClinical Forum to discuss how existing and emerging healthcare environments impact on clinical trials, and the future role of eClinical trial technologies. The eClinical Forum was formed in 2000 by pharmaceutical industry representatives with a vision to create a non-commercial and informal environment in which to network with peers, share ideas and experiences, and to shape the future of the clinical research environment.

The meeting was held at iSOFT's headquarters in Banbury and was opened by iSOFT chief executive Andrea Fiumicelli who explained that despite the enormous progress made, much needed to be done to improve the delivery of healthcare, and in particular improve safety through better use of information systems.

The clinical trial process was a key focus of the session. Identifying eligible patients for clinical trials is a constant challenge, and 58% of clinical trials fail to achieve their recruitment targets. Dr Joerg Kraenzlein, director of life sciences at iSOFT, described a system which is being developed to help investigators and pharmaceuticals companies conduct clinical trials more easily. "We want to build a network for physicians to collaborate, foster the use of personalised medicine and the production of clinical trials helping to speed up the process," he explained.

In the CliniWorks™ system under development, patient records are de-identified and medical terms extracted to create the AccelCDB™(Clinical Database). The investigator can then use the AccelFind™ web-based application to identify suitable patients for the trial by defining the inclusion and exclusion criteria "It just takes 5 to 10 seconds to screen 10,000 medical records, whereas with a manual process a physician has to work for weeks," Dr Kraenzlein said.

The forum agreed that there is an urgent need for an integrated solution for research activities to increase efficiency while maintaining a high level of quality. This will help shorten the clinical trial process and ultimately assist in bringing drugs to market in a more timely way.

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