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## **EyeCare Associates Consolidates 19 Practice Management Systems by Using EMRlogic's activEHR**

*Electronic Health Record Application from EMRlogic Systems Achieves Breakthroughs  
Enabled by InterSystems CACHE Database System*

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**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—July 24, 2012—**[InterSystems Corporation](#), the global leader in software for connected care, today announced that EyeCare Associates (ECA) in Birmingham, Ala., has successfully consolidated its 19 practice management systems into a single breakthrough application that derives its speed and scalability from the [InterSystems CACHE®](#) database system.

EyeCare Associates' transition to electronic health records (EHR) was enabled by deploying EMRlogic Systems, Inc.'s activEHR system, a comprehensive eyecare practice management solution. It has enabled EyeCare Associates to provide better patient care, and to meet U.S. federal requirements for "meaningful use" of EHRs.

The consolidation of individual practice management systems in 19 clinical locations to activEHR included some significant challenges, according to ECA President and CEO C. Thomas Crooks III, O.D. "However, we really needed the efficiencies that come from using a single practice management and electronic medical record system, and now we've achieved that objective."

Crooks feels the activEHR implementation has positioned ECA very well for inevitable changes in the healthcare sector. "Recording information in an EHR is significantly better than paper charts," he said. "It eliminates the need to deal with handwriting that is often illegible. And the eventual elimination of paper charts will bring its own set of benefits simply because paper takes up a large amount of space and is time-consuming to review. The ability to communicate electronically is a benefit that we're counting on, and CACHE-based activEHR is where things are going in the future."

### **Proven Track Record**

The sheer size of the ECA enterprise, which includes more than 30 physicians and 175 employees working at 19 locations throughout Alabama, compounded the difficulty of finding the most appropriate practice management solution. "As we spoke with vendors, it became clear

that very few solutions could scale up to handle a single optometric organization of our size and complexity,” Crooks said.

“As applications were evaluated, my research indicated that InterSystems’ software products are used in hospitals worldwide and that both the company and its products are considered very solid,” Crooks noted. “That reputation was a major part of the decision to implement activEHR. The combination of proven CACHÉ database technology and the comprehensive feature set provided by EMRlogic’s activEHR drove our software selection.”

Alistair Jackson, M.Ed., EMRlogic Vice President, Business Development, said that CACHÉ delivered the performance, reliability and scalability that are essential to the success of activEHR. “It’s the CACHÉ platform that makes it possible to deliver a knowledgebase-driven EHR that optimizes the business of optometry.”

“EMRlogic has created a unique solution for a specialized market segment that requires breakthrough applications in order to be competitive in a rapidly changing healthcare environment,” said Paul Grabscheid, InterSystems Vice President of Strategic Planning. “EMRlogic’s innovative use of InterSystems’ advanced technology to meet these unique needs is an excellent example of the creativity of InterSystems’ application partners.”

### **About InterSystems**

InterSystems Corporation is a global leader in software for connected care, with headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and offices in 25 countries. [InterSystems CACHÉ®](#) is the world’s most widely used database system in clinical applications. [InterSystems Ensemble®](#) is a platform for rapid integration and the development of connectable applications. [InterSystems HealthShare™](#) is a strategic healthcare informatics platform for information exchange and analytics within a hospital network, and across a community, region or nation. HealthShare leverages InterSystems iKnow and DeepSee technologies to unlock all patient information, including unstructured data, and to enable real-time analysis.

InterSystems’ products are used by thousands of hospitals and laboratories worldwide, including all of the top ten hospitals on the Honor Roll of America’s Best Hospitals as rated by *U.S. News and World Report*.

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### **About EMRlogic Systems, Inc.**

EMRlogic is a privately held company based in Greater Vancouver, Canada, and dedicated to eye care professionals. EMRlogic is an application partner for InterSystems Corporation, Cambridge, MA. EMRlogic offers comprehensive and fully integrated optometry and ophthalmology software solutions. For more information, please visit <http://www.emrlogic.com>.

### **About EyeCare Associates**

EyeCare Associates, Inc. (ECA) is a leading network of optometrists who provide a comprehensive suite of vision and eye health services to serve patients throughout Alabama. ECA is based in Birmingham, Ala. Please visit [www.webeca.com](http://www.webeca.com) for more information.

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