



Axlotl Adds Speech Understanding to Its Elysium Product Range

Axlotl's Transcription Service For Hospital, Physician and RHIO Customers Provides Higher Quality Data For Electronic Medical Record Systems

San Jose, CA, and Pittsburgh, PA, January 5, 2009 – Axlotl, the nation's leading provider of health information exchange (HIE) solutions and M*Modal, a leader in on-demand conversational documentation services, have announced a partnership that will capture dictated encounter information, present it, interpret it and where possible encode it - for improved patient care. Axlotl has integrated M*Modal's unique "Speech Understanding" engine into its Elysium medical transcription workflow solution to populate its own EMR Lite, third party Health Information Systems (HIS) and Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems.

Speech Understanding is a powerful combination of Speech Recognition and Natural Language Processing. Physicians' dictations are processed by Axlotl's Transcription Management System, which builds a growing base of intelligence for each physician - leading to higher quality in both accuracy of information and presentation. When delivered directly to a HIS, an EMR or into Axlotl's Elysium EMR Lite coded data can be used to more easily guide treatment decisions.

"M*Modal is proud to share in Axlotl's commitment to generate clinical documents that are not only accessible and shareable, but can populate discrete data elements directly into the EMR," said Michael Finke, CEO of M*Modal.

"This new capability furthers our mission to improve patient care through electronic health information access, distribution, exchange and management," said Ray Scott, Axlotl's CEO. "Dictation is still the preferred manner of capturing the patient encounter, history, surgery reports etc; this new capability will allow us to populate fields such as problems, medications, immunizations and allergies - significantly enhancing the value of the resulting electronic medical record." Scott goes on to say "Templated clinical data entry has not exactly been a runaway success. If you would rather dictate than fill out on-line forms, talk to Axlotl, we understand!"

About Axolotl Corp

Founded in 1995, Axolotl Corp. is North America's leading provider of browser-based products and services for secure health information exchange and management. Its award-winning Elysium® Exchange suite of solutions enables healthcare providers to instantly share information, reduce costs, and improve quality and efficiency.

Today Elysium helps thousands of healthcare entities—including hospitals, health systems, regional health information organizations (RHIOs/HIEs), clinics, laboratories, radiology centers and physician practices—securely exchange clinical information for more than 25 million patients. Elysium's community-wide Master Patient Index, EdgeServer(s), Interoperability Hub, Community Virtual Health Record, and EMR Lite with integrated e-prescribing are all provided as a software service (SaaS). In addition, Axolotl-employed U.S.-based transcriptionists provide high-quality medical transcription services, rapid turnaround and total billing transparency using Elysium technology for report delivery.

Axolotl is based in San Jose and best known for introducing Clinical Messaging®, now at the heart of all health information exchange. For more information about Axolotl, see www.axolotl.com.

About M*Modal

M*Modal, based in Pittsburgh, PA, offers on-demand conversational documentation services that help healthcare providers capture discrete clinical information from dictation to generate complete and timely electronic medical records. The company's unique Speech Understanding technology platform, AnyModal CDS, is a vital tool that empowers physicians to capture clinical facts and orders from dictation without requiring any change to their normal dictation routine. M*Modal's focus is on providing hospitals, healthcare IT vendors, and medical transcription service providers with the industry's most comprehensive yet most adaptable solution for creating highly accurate, structured, encoded, and shareable medical documents to increase patient safety, promote continuity of patient care, and reduce cost. For more information on M*Modal, visit their Web site at: www.mmodal.com.

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