



American Association for Medical Transcription (AAMT) and InterFix Announce Research and Software Development Collaboration

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA, March 16, 2006 -- The American Association for Medical Transcription (Modesto, CA) and InterFix Ventures, LLC (Atlanta, GA) announced a strategic initiative today designed to link the association's standards and content expertise with innovative technology that will meet the complex needs of today's healthcare documentation environment.

"As a new strategic direction for the Association, this research initiative will provide the vehicle for driving into the marketplace those quality-focused documentation standards that AAMT is committed to delivering to the industry," stated AAMT Executive Director Peter Preziosi, PhD, CAE. "We recognize the importance of collaborating with a technology company to improve the quality of healthcare documentation and promote patient safety and continuity of care by developing technology solutions to evolve the medical transcription profession in the transitioning electronic health environment. AAMT is fortunate to be able to partner with a world-class engineering firm like InterFix to make that happen."

This dynamic collaboration will involve the establishment of a research position within AAMT to create and manage a universal, portable knowledge base of medical terminology, vocabularies, standards and best practices that will then be linked with a new software solution that enhances the learning and practice of medical transcription.

"We are delighted to fund this important research position and to work with AAMT to design and engineer a universal knowledge-based component that will benefit students, educators, medical transcriptionists, and patients across the healthcare spectrum", stated Scott Faulkner, Chief Executive Officer at InterFix. "Currently, there is no uniform environment for efficient and cost-effective medical transcription, no true implementation of standards for transcription and speech-recognition-editing user interfaces, or a truly effective means for the dissemination of the constantly evolving language of medicine. This absence of standardization and accountability directly impacts patient safety. By partnering with AAMT,

we intend to change all of that."

The American Association for Medical Transcription (AAMT) has been the professional organization representing medical transcriptionists since 1978. AAMT sets standards of practice and education for medical transcriptionists, administers a certification program, has established a code of ethics, and advocates on behalf of the profession. For more information, visit www.aamt.org

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