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Installation begins for LOTS and Simple Retail

Jason Bratuskins, eRx Consultant pharmacist, handing the eRx Accreditation Certificate to Leah Ford, GM Product Development and Customer Service, from Corum Health Services.

Pharmacy owner Anne O'Leary of Allambie Neighbourhood Pharmacy with Jerry Perkins, Development Pharmacist, Simple Retail.

Another 2000 pharmacies around Australia will soon be able to begin dispensing electronic prescriptions as dispense specialists LOTS and Simple Retail (Aquarius) are accredited to begin installing eRx.

This is a significant milestone in ensuring that the benefits of improved dispensing accuracy and efficiency reach consumers, according to David Freemantle, National Project Director, eRx.

'We are excited to provide accreditation to these major vendor partners as it is an important way of ensuring that eRx is fully integrated with and interoperable across all dispensing and prescribing software. Accreditation means that the integration is successfully completed and fully tested to the satisfaction of eRx. This is an important step towards ensuring that all pharmacies can dispense electronic scripts, regardless of which software they use.

We congratulate LOTS and Simple Retail both on achieving this milestone, and on their extremely thorough approach. Importantly, this represents the significant and industry-wide commitment behind ensuring that electronic prescriptions achieve the utmost standards of security and interoperability.'

Accepting the eRx Accreditation Certificate on behalf of Corum Health Services provider of LOTS & Amfac Dispense, Leah Ford, GM Product Development and Customer Service, said, "We are very pleased to be able to deliver tangible benefits of eRx electronic prescriptions to our pharmacy users throughout Australia, whilst helping to build an e-Health solution for the safety and benefit of Australian consumers."

Jerry Perkins, Development Pharmacist for Simple Retail, recently said, "eRx has generated a lot of interest with our pharmacy users. About 60% of our clients are already fully registered.

We are pleased that we have been able to add eRx to our suite of pharmacy software in a timely fashion. Because dispensing represents the majority of business for pharmacies, the efficient retrieval of dispensing information is of significant work-flow benefit, apart from the added patient safety."

Over 95% of pharmacies now have their software integrated and certified to use eRx. The two companies will now begin installing eRx Script Exchange, which means that pharmacies who are registered for eRx will be able to begin dispensing electronic scripts in the coming months.

Welcome to the November update on eRx Script Exchange, the first Australia-wide platform for electronic prescriptions, or e-scripts.

With eRx, GPs can now prescribe electronically with confidence that patients can have their scripts safely and securely dispensed anywhere around Australia. eRx e-scripts are designed to improve patient care and safety, and to strengthen coordination and communication of patient care between health care providers.

WHAT'S NEW

- Dispense vendors LOTS, Simple Retail (Aquarius) commence installing eRx
- eRx on show at GPCE '09
- 3.6 million scripts sent to eRx and 800,000 dispensed
- Over 3,600 GP's and pharmacies registered

Backing national standards

eRx and NEHTA (the National eHealth Transition Authority) held a full day workshop in November to work through the recently released specifications for Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions.

"This was an important step in ensuring standards-supported electronic transmission of prescriptions," according to Jason Bratuskins, eRx Consultant Pharmacist. "We will continue to work closely with NEHTA over the coming months to ensure appropriate alignment with the standards as they continue to evolve."

eRx now includes contracted relationships with a collective of 17 medical and pharmacy software specialists who, in partnership, are fully committed to delivering a quality and standards-aligned approach to electronic prescribing.

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Registration is free to doctors and pharmacists, and transaction fees are currently funded for Guild and AFSPA members.

Once you have registered, eRx will pass your registration details onto your software vendor who can progress your installation.

Electronic scripts on show at GPCE '09

With more than 3,600 GPs and pharmacies already registered for installation, eRx received an enthusiastic response from Doctors at this year's General Practitioner Conference and Exhibition, held in Melbourne from 13-15 November.

"Doctors are recognising that the continued and rapid expansion of the network of GPs and pharmacies taking part in eRx translates into safety benefits reaching patients within a short time" said David Freemantle, National Project Director, eRx.

They see the addition of eRx to their patient management system as a major enhancement to their clinical records tool.

eRx provided live demonstrations of all stages of the process, from prescribing through to dispensing, at the conference.

NEWS FLASH

HOUSTON MEDICAL U.I.P

Houston Medical have joined to become our 17th vendor contracted to integrate with eRx.

Watch out for further details.

BACKGROUND

eRx Script Exchange is an industry-driven collaboration established to improve health outcomes for Australians.

Led by Fred Health, it is being developed with the e-health expertise of Simpl New Zealand and Microsoft Australia, and rolled out throughout Australia in collaboration with leading software vendors.

THOSE INVOLVED SO FAR...

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Amfac · PharmaSol · Phoenix Computer Systems · simple retail

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