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Nonprofit Patient Safety Institute and FCG Revise Agreement to Approach Emerging RHIO Market

Agreement opens path for each organization to pursue community health interoperability initiatives collaboratively or independently

Plano, TX and Long Beach, CA (July 22, 2005) – Today, the nonprofit Patient Safety Institute Inc. (PSI) and First Consulting Group (FCG), (NASDAQ: FCGI) announced a revised agreement that will enable each organization to independently pursue the goals of improving patient safety, care quality and reducing healthcare costs, while retaining the ability to collaborate where mutually beneficial. In particular, it will allow each firm more flexibility in addressing the growing interest in Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs) and the community efforts gaining momentum around the country.

PSI will continue its pursuit of assisting communities across the country in their development of clinical information sharing networks as well as demonstrating and validating a replicable self-funding community economic model. As a result of this agreement, PSI, which is modeled after the highly successful VISA experience in financial services, is better able to pursue an industry collaborative, non-proprietary, open architecture means of linking and displaying clinical data (with patient permission) using national standards.

FCG will be free to sell its FirstGateways™ product suite worldwide to all industries, including healthcare institutions and RHIOs. FCG will continue to be one of the vendors who supports PSI's efforts and implements the PSI solution in communities.

The original agreement between the parties, signed in late 2001, provided PSI with exclusive rights to market, license and distribute certain FCG technology to solve interoperability challenges. FCG had a ten-year exclusive right to provide implementation and management services associated with the technology and PSI's efforts. The revised agreement ends the cross-exclusivity and provides each organization with more latitude in deploying solutions to communities and delivery networks.

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FCG and PSI End Exclusive Agreement

The first implementation of the combined efforts of FCG and PSI, which was supported by other PSI Core Founding Partners, was a Demonstration Project at Swedish Medical Center, the largest, most comprehensive medical center in the Pacific Northwest. The project has been enormously successful and enabled both PSI and FCG to further develop their respective solutions.

“PSI and FCG have had an outstanding working relationship and a common passion over the past few years to offer interoperable technology solutions to provider communities,” said Luther Nussbaum, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, FCG. “Our deep involvement as a sole vendor for certain aspects of the PSI model were necessary to get things started. However, that level of connection between PSI and FCG had recently limited the potential for PSI to pursue its objectives as an independent, VISA-like collaboration of communities. By ending the cross-exclusivities from our original relationship, both FCG and PSI can better pursue their separate and common objectives.”

“FCG has been instrumental and invaluable in getting PSI to where it is today. Now, PSI has the opportunity to expand its inclusive reach and impact by having more control over how its solutions are provided to communities and more opportunities to work with leading technology and service providers in communities around the country,” said Jack Lewin, MD, chairman of PSI and chief executive officer of the California Medical Society. While FCG and PSI will continue to work together in improving patient safety and healthcare quality, updating the relationship with FCG will permit PSI to pursue its role as trusted, third party community collaborator, while FCG will be able to market proprietary and PSI compatible technology at the regional, community and institutional levels.”

Under the new agreement, PSI retains the rights to market and sell the software developed by FCG as part of its overall community solutions and FCG retains the rights to market and sell the FirstGateways product suite across all industries.

About FCG

FCG is a leading provider of outsourcing, consulting, systems implementation and integration for healthcare, pharmaceutical, and other life sciences organizations throughout North America, Europe and Asia. Through combinations of onsite, off-site and offshore outsourced services, FCG provides low cost, high quality offerings to improve its clients' performance. The firm's consulting and integration services increase clients' operations effectiveness with and through information technology, resulting in reduced costs, improved customer service, enhanced quality of patient care, and more rapid introduction of new pharmaceutical compounds. For more information about FCG, visit www.fcg.com or call 800-345-0957.

About PSI

Patient Safety Institute is a national nonprofit, patient-centric 501(c)(3) open membership organization that is dedicated to supporting communities across the nation in their development of clinical information sharing networks. PSI is governed by leading consumer, physician and hospital advocates. It was formed to provide the healthcare industry with a commonly owned, utility-like, real-time clinical information network leveraging national economies of scale on behalf of communities to improve patient safety, care quality and lower costs. For more information on PSI, please visit www.ptsafety.org.

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