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Charles Wagner to lead CAP’s services in health IT marketplace

Northfield, Ill., February 8, 2011— The College of American Pathologists (CAP) announced today the hiring of Charles Wagner as Vice President of its STS (SNOMED Terminology Solutions™) division. Wagner will lead CAP STS' professional services capability expansion in the health IT marketplace.

CAP STS, a professional services provider with a diversified service offering related to health IT strategy and planning; clinical health information management; and health care standards, is committed to improving patient care through the advancement of interoperable electronic health records (EHRs).

In his new position, Wagner will help CAP STS build new and value-added services targeted to CAP members and lead business development in the health IT community. These initiatives will also help support the CAP’s Transformation efforts now underway to foster new and enhanced roles for pathologists as critical members of the patient care team through innovative, evolving health IT.

“Charles has an outstanding track record of success in growing professional services organizations,” said CAP Chief Executive Officer Charles Roussel. “He brings passion, particularly with respect to client commitment and satisfaction, and a true, roll-up-your-sleeves mindset. He is also an outstanding organizational leader, communicator, and mentor.”

Wagner, who has more than 26 years of information technology experience, is well-versed in building and managing professional services practices, and has a proven track record of successful business development and strong client management skills.

Prior to joining CAP STS, Wagner was Managing Director, U.S. Healthcare Operations and Global Healthcare Application Delivery, at Dell Services, where he led a worldwide team of more than 1,200 supporting training, application development and support, client and project management, business and clinical transformation, implementation services, and IT. He also led, managed, and drove all client services and delivery, and developed and implemented a global expansion strategy.
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Previously, he was Senior Vice President, Professional Services, at Eclipsys Corporation; Executive Vice President/Associate Partner, at Healthlink (a division of IBM); Senior Manager at CapGemini-Ernst & Young; and Senior Manager at IBM Global Services.

“I am excited to lead the CAP’s expert wealth of resources to contribute to advances in meaningful health information exchange—especially as there is now a major federal investment in the technology and providers are starting to embrace EHRs,” said Charles Wagner, Vice President, CAP STS. (Please note: Wagner will be attending HIMSS (Healthcare Information Management Society) 11, February 20-24, 2011, at the Orange County Convention Center, in Orlando, Fla., and will be available for interviews.)

The CAP has more than 40 years of experience in health care terminology standards development, resulting in the creation of SNOMED Clinical Terms® (SNOMED CT®), a globally recognized, clinical health care terminology and a standard in the EHR. CAP STS began offering professional services around health IT strategy and planning, clinical health information management, and health care standards as the U.S. government and governments around the world began to focus on health data exchange and interoperability to launch interconnected EHR systems.

Health information interoperability and EHR adoption are key components of U.S. health care reform initiatives, included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act to move toward building the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN).

About CAP STS
CAP STS (SNOMED Terminology Solutions™), a division of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), offers clients services and solutions related to health IT strategy and planning; clinical health information management; and health care standards. CAP STS works with provider organizations, hospitals, health IT vendors, health information exchange initiatives, universities, research centers, and government agencies throughout the world. CAP STS’ DIHIT (Diagnostic Intelligence and Health Information Technology) team advances health IT standards, practices, and tools, such as the CAP Diagnostic Work Station initiative; and standardized electronic reporting, including the CAP electronic Cancer Checklists (CAP eCC).

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving more than 17,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world’s largest association composed exclusively of board-certified pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The College is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective patient care. For more information, visit www.capsts.org or write to snomedolutions@cap.org.

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