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Sutter Health Selects LUMEDX'S Apollo Advance Clinical Information System to Manage Patient Data and Ensure Tight Integration Among its 11 Heart Centers

OAKLAND, CA – Sutter Health—one of the nation's leading non-profit networks of community health care services, serving more than 100 Northern California communities—announced that it has selected LUMEDX Corporation's cardiovascular information system, Apollo Advance, to manage patient data in 11 of its hospitals that provide cardiac services. The new system will provide a single, completely integrated, intranet-enabled enterprise-wide repository for all cardiac information.

The Apollo Advance solution will ensure that all cardiac patient data—recorded from any past or current visit—can be accessed by Sutter Health and its hospitals via the system-wide intranet. Selection of Apollo Advance supports Sutter Health's overall focus on strengthening the physician-patient relationship and improving clinical outcomes through close and seamless integration of data and services.

Through its extensive capacity to interface with a multitude of cardiac medical devices, Apollo Advance addresses Sutter Health's enterprise-level demands for clinical integration, helping to reduce staff workload, streamline operations, promote data integrity, maintain close communications and ensure that the unique demands of each hospital are met.

Clinical integration is further aided through CardioChart, the Web-based front-end to Apollo Advance. CardioChart enables 24/7 viewing of data, reports, and images by authorized staff in all 11 Heart Centers through the Sutter Health Intranet. In addition, the Apollo Advance Inventory module will link use of supplies to specific patient events and procedural outcomes, generating a detailed and accurate view of equipment usage that will help Sutter Health contain costs and enhance quality of patient care. LUMEDX consulting services will work closely with Sutter Health Information Systems to ensure tight data connections among all the hospitals, creating a smooth and seamless experience for the user.

Apollo also offers Sutter Health dedicated and powerful data collection, analysis, and reporting tools to accommodate the new California Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Outcomes Reporting Program which, beginning in 2003, mandates that all hospitals that perform CABG surgeries must collect and submit data for public listings.

Ian Leverton, M.D., Vice President for Clinical Integration, Sutter Health, explains that, "While the practice of health care must be based on a strong doctor-patient relationship, we also realize that health care in the 21st

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century involves a team of providers and an array of services. This can only be supported through clinical integration. Apollo Advance will foster integration of services at Sutter Health and help us deliver a level of modern, sophisticated care."

According to LUMEDX Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Laurel Shearer, "Providing a comprehensive solution to meet the demands of the 11 hospitals that provide cardiac services while ensuring clinical connectivity and seamless communications is exactly the type of challenging environment that Apollo Advance is designed to handle. Our approach to providing integrated solutions across the cardiovascular service line perfectly matches the clinical integration goals of Sutter Health and we are very pleased to be partnering with such a distinguished medical institution."

ABOUT LUMEDX

With over 300 heart center clients worldwide, LUMEDX is the market leader in cardiovascular information systems and the No. 1 provider of both ACC and STS registry software. LUMEDX offers the most proven, comprehensive package of tools and services to help medical institutions enhance quality of patient care, reduce costs, streamline workflow, increase patient volume and grow revenue. For more information, visit www.lumedx.com.

ABOUT SUTTER HEALTH

Sutter Health is one of the nation's leading not-for-profit networks of community-based health care providers, delivering high-quality care in more than 100 Northern California communities. It is also the regional leader in infant deliveries, neonatology, orthopedics, pediatrics and cancer care services. Sutter Health supports more than two dozen locally run acute care hospitals as well as physician organizations; medical research facilities; region-wide home health, hospice and occupational health networks; and long term care centers. For more information, visit www.sutterhealth.org.