

PRESS INFORMATION

Interaction for greater medication therapy safety

Coblenz/ Martinsried/ Saarbrücken, 20th June 2007 – With immediate effect, ifap – one of the leading suppliers of medication information systems and a subsidiary of CompuGROUP Holding AG - and RpDoc® - a specialist for electronic prescription support in hospitals – will be cooperating with each other in the development of innovative products. The intention is to integrate RpDoc® functions into the ifap medication therapy safety check i:fox®.

Both companies pursue a common goal: namely to provide doctors with the best possible support for the improvement of medication therapy safety. In this respect, users of the successful ifap software i:fox® will soon also be able to use additional modules based on RpDoc® functionality and know-how.

Medication therapy is a high-risk process. New and more effective medicines require more effective strategies in order to protect patients from damage during treatment. “Only if all the relevant information concerning the patient and the medication is available to the doctor at the time of issuing the prescription, can prescription errors be avoided and patient safety improved. Modern, practice-suitable, i.e. work process-integrated systems are required in order to reliably avoid prescription errors,” comments Simone Grandt, Managing Director of RpDoc Solutions GmbH.

“The cooperation between i:fox® and RpDoc® now enables the doctor to carry out a rapid and more comprehensive check at the prescription stage for clinically relevant interaction of medications, patient specific contraindications as well as deviations from the recommended dosages,” explains Wolfgang Höfers, Managing Director of ifap GmbH.

By providing patient-specific recommendations with respect to dose adjustment, such as in cases of impaired kidney function or due to age, it also helps the doctor to determine the dosage as well as giving hints concerning the use of medications during pregnancy and breastfeeding. The information for patients with respect to their therapy is also better thanks to notes concerning incompatibilities with foods and food supplements as well as freely available medications.

ifap is a company belonging to the CompuGROUP organisation, Coblenz. With more than 255,000 medical users in Europe, CompuGROUP exerts a significant influence on the development of medical decision support systems. Over 70,000 doctor's surgeries in Germany already use the programmes of ifap Service-Institut für Ärzte und Apotheker GmbH (Martinsried near Munich) for medication prescriptions. RpDoc[®] Solutions GmbH (Saarbrücken) has up to now mainly assisted hospital-based doctors with safety and cost effectiveness checks for prescriptions.

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