

## MEDICMATE WINS BRONZE AT NHS INNOVATION AWARDS

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### Earlier this month, MedicMate was awarded bronze at the 2006 London NHS innovations competition.

The NHS Innovations competition acknowledges innovators dedication and commitment to the advancement in healthcare. CMO Global developed MedicMate in close collaboration with the innovator, Marc Epstein. The development was managed from CMO Global's London office. Innovator Marc Epstein was very pleased with the placing, "This is a very exciting development and proves that the MedicMate product has genuine potential and can spark some interest in the NHS"

James Cotton, eBusiness Director of CMO Global who has overseen a variety of handheld electronic patient record developments within hospitals and private practices across Australia and New Zealand states: "With the introduction of regimented shift work across the NHS in the UK, we can see great application for this handheld handover application - a fantastic innovation by Dr Marc and Professor Owen Epstein."

MedicMate is an original mobile device software development designed to assist hospital doctors manage their patient lists and handover. The program has been designed largely by NHS doctors for NHS doctors and is rich in functionality.

The software was developed to profoundly benefit a clinician's daily work flow and provide net utility in relation to the time and effort required to enter and retrieve information. The product is quick, easy and intuitive to use and is adaptable to individual hospitals and can be integrated into other hospital IT initiatives.

The MedicMate application generally works around five zones of hospital care. The Patient Zone is where the user can generate and manage lists of in-patient. The Switchboard is used for quick reference to useful and frequently used hospital numbers and contact points. The Medical Jotter is for creating personal notes that can then be categorized and archived.

MedicMate has been specifically designed to offer a new methodology for the handover process. The file zone is The Handover Zone which is used for seamless peer-to-peer communication between clinicians. From the "Handover Zone", designated information maintained in the "Patient Zone" can be wirelessly transmitted to another device. MedicMate also allows all handover information to be printed directly to a Bluetooth enabled printer.

The mobile handheld solution is easy to use and facilitates efficient patient tracking, care and handover. This ease of use and efficiency is achieved via rapid data entry methods which are utilized to ensure information can be added with minimal effort. These methods include drop-down menus, quick entry boxes and customizable pre-created lists.

With first hand experience of working in NHS hospitals, MedicMate developers had the information needed to develop an application which was realistic for the work environment, met real needs, and was likely to be widely adopted as a workflow solution. Therefore making MedicMate is a unique and original application designed specifically to meet the personal requirements demanded of doctors working in the modernising NHS.

In this years NHS Innovators awards there are 9 entry categories which include Infection Control, Therapeutics including Delivery Devices, Medical Devices and Equipment, Medical Diagnostics & Laboratory, Assistive Technologies, IT & Telecoms, Publications (Books & DVDs), and Design

The awards ceremony took place on the 3rd October 2006 at the Nursery Pavilion, Lords Cricket Ground, London. There was a substantial gathering of innovators from across London's Universities and Medical Schools with MedicMate and Handheld Solutions sparking plenty of interest amongst these attendees.

Medicmate is now focused of further refining the solution and implementing the solution at other NHS institutions.

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