

Dentrix Achieves Microsoft Gold Certified Partner Status; Dental Software Provider Joins Elite Microsoft Partnership Group

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AMERICAN FORK, Utah, Aug 15, 2006 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Dentrix Dental Systems Inc., developer of the popular DENTRIX(R) practice management system, announced today that it has reached a major milestone in dental software development by achieving Microsoft Gold Certified Partner status. This elite status places the company among a select group of top software development companies in the world. Members of the Microsoft Gold Certified Partner Program must meet rigorous certification criteria and must prove their expertise in a given solution area by providing real-world customer references.

Dentrix Dental Systems creates software to help dentists to achieve a fully integrated practice, where front office, operator, and everything in between work together flawlessly. Their solutions include dental practice management software, digital imaging software, patient education software, computer-based training software, voice recognition software, and other products designed to enhance the dental office experience.

According to Kimball Wirig, president of Dentrix Dental Systems, Dentrix Dental Systems created the first practice management system for Windows in 1989, and was the first to be approved for Windows 98. "Our legacy of Windows development has helped us to forge a strong link with Microsoft," said Wirig.

He also noted that Dentrix's early vision of a completely paperless dental practice is coupled today with a strong commitment to developing the tools necessary to boost productivity and improve efficiency. "Our customers have come to expect the best and our new Gold Partner status will only enhance our ability to deliver on those expectations," Wirig said.

"Microsoft solutions competencies are an important way for Microsoft to better enable software vendors to meet customer needs," said Sanjay Parthasarathy, corporate vice president of the Developer & Platform Evangelism Group at Microsoft. "They allow our partners to keep and win customers through their deep knowledge of solutions-based Microsoft platform technologies. Microsoft has a long history of working closely with certified partners to help them deliver compelling solutions and applications to our mutual customers, and the Microsoft Competencies are an important step in continuing to enhance vital relationships worldwide."

About Dentrix Dental Systems Inc.

DENTRIX(R), the flagship product of Dentrix Dental Systems Inc., is recognized by most experts as the dental industry's top practice management application. Dentrix boasts unparalleled customer support and is aggressive in its implementation of cutting-edge technologies into its core software. With more than 18 years of Windows development experience, DENTRIX has more than 28,000 installations in North America and select locations around the world. When DENTRIX was first released in 1989, it pioneered the philosophy of the fully integrated practice, where data seamlessly flows from the operator to the front desk and back again. A "makes-sense" workflow, robust practice management features, leading-edge clinical tools, and extensive customization options make DENTRIX the most powerful and flexible practice management system available. Dentrix Dental Systems Inc. is a Henry Schein Inc. company (Nasdaq:HSIC), and is located on the World Wide Web at www.dentrix.com.

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Headquartered in Melville, N.Y., Henry Schein employs nearly 11,000 people and has operations in 19 countries. The company's sales reached a record \$4.6 billion in 2005. For more information, visit the Henry Schein Web site at www.henryschein.com.

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