



RASMAS Wins National Patient Safety Award; First Comprehensive National Patient Safety System for Product and Safety Alerts

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FALLS CHURCH, Va., Dec. 7 /U.S. Newswire/ -- Mitretek System's Risk And Safety Management Alert System (RASMAS) has been nationally recognized by the Health Care Research and Innovations Congress (HCRIC) for its innovative work in the advancement of patient safety.

On November 30, 2004, HCRIC awarded RASMAS the Best New Advancement in Patient Safety and Disclosures Award. RASMAS is the first comprehensive Web-based subscription service that provides notification, distribution, and management of product alerts and recalls for healthcare organizations.

The inaugural HCRIC awards ceremony, co-hosted by The Emerging Technologies and Healthcare Innovations Congress (TETHIC), recognized companies, nonprofits, organizations, foundations, government agencies and academic entities for their excellence and advancement in implementing innovative technology to improve patient care.

Judges for the awards included healthcare industry professionals from organizations such as Columbia University, MIT Agelab, Healthcare Partners, and the University of Virginia.

RASMAS was introduced in January 2004 and has the endorsement of The American Hospital Association (AHA). RASMAS began as a grass roots idea that has been converted to practice with the assistance of The Johns Hopkins Center for Innovation in Quality Patient Care (CIQPC). This revolutionary patient safety service has received widespread recognition and acceptance in the healthcare community. In its first year of production, RASMAS has been adopted by more than 90 subscribing healthcare organizations across the nation.

For more information please visit the RASMAS web site, <http://rasmus.mitretek.org>

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