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Peterborough Regional Health Centre first in Canada to deploy TELUS Integrated Bedside Terminals for innovative patient care at new hospital

Internet Protocol (IP) technology supports a one-of-a-kind triple play: clinical information, communication and entertainment solutions for patients and healthcare practitioners

Toronto, ON - TELUS and EllisDon today announced the Peterborough Regional Health Centre will deploy 500 TELUS Integrated Bedside Terminals as a cornerstone of Peterborough's new state-of-the-art health centre opening in 2008. The eight-year contract is the first of its kind in Canada and will result in the provision of \$11M worth of advanced technologies for the new Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

The Integrated Bedside Terminal (IBT) is an Internet Protocol-based solution that works as an all-in-one device, designed to be used at the point of care by both the patient and clinical staff.

Patients have access to communication and entertainment services at their bedside, using the system to watch TV, listen to the radio, make a phone call or surf the Internet, all on a single screen. At the same time, the platform can be adapted to allow doctors and nurses to access patient information on the monitor anchored to the patient's bedside, saving clinicians valuable time and reducing the need for paper documentation.

More than 900 hospitals around the world have deployed IBT technology, however the Peterborough agreement is the first of its kind in Canada.

"Technology can change lives for Canadians. We are excited to be helping the Peterborough Regional Health Centre build and manage an innovative technology solution that creates a superior patient experience," said Joe Natale, president, TELUS Business Solutions. "TELUS was the first in Canada to develop a national IP network. Today, we're able to bring the best in IP applications to Canadian hospitals through solutions like the Integrated Bedside Terminal. Together with our partners, we are proud to be the first in Canada to bring this revolutionary technology to our healthcare sector."

The Peterborough Regional Health Centre is a new 494-bed facility currently under construction in Peterborough, Ontario. EllisDon is the construction company of record and owns the information technology budget for this project. TELUS has partnered with EllisDon from the ground up to provide a leading-edge technology roadmap for the hospital.

"EllisDon is extremely pleased to be part of this innovative partnership," said Stephen Foster, EllisDon's managing director of Integrated Solutions. "The vision of these companies focusing on healthcare, brings the strengths of each organization together at a very early stage. This integrated solution will benefit both the patients and the Peterborough Regional Health Centre for years to come in delivering a quality healthcare experience at the bedside."

"The Peterborough Regional Health Centre is very excited by the opportunities that the IBT solution can bring to the patients bedside," said Tom Holden, vice-president of Planning, Peterborough Regional Health Centre. "Not only will it provide basic services like telephone and television it will also be capable of running advanced technologies that can allow health practitioners to access patient information at the point of care."

The Integrated Bedside Terminal was developed in partnership with Siemens Canada.

“We are very pleased to be part of this opportunity and are proud of our partnership with TELUS and EllisDon,” said Tony Cassetta, president & CEO Siemens Enterprise Communications Canada. “This initiative represents the Canadian debut of our industry-leading Hi Med technology. The powerful combination of clinical records/digital imaging with robust and current entertainment will allow for increased healthcare professional efficiency as well as a more enjoyable stay for patients. The completion of this transaction increases the Siemens presence in both the Medical and Communications industries in Canada and demonstrates our commitment to continued investment in these areas.”

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Siemens Enterprise Communications is one of the world's leading vendors of Open Communications solutions for enterprises of all sizes, enabling business processes to be more productive, faster and more secure - with any device, network or information technology infrastructure. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Siemens AG with 17,000 employees globally and headquarters in Munich.

About EllisDon

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