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PTPN Selects Patterson Medical's PTOS Documentation and Scheduling Software As Preferred Solution

Calabasas, CA—April 9, 2008—PTPN, the largest network of independent physical, occupational, and speech therapists in the United States, announced today its selection of Patterson Medical's PTOS Software as the documentation, electronic medical record, and scheduling system it recommends to its members.

This decision resulted from a comprehensive 2-year evaluation process of many vendors that serve the physical therapy market.

"We wanted to recommend something special to our members and chose PTOS because we believe it has leapfrogged other products in the marketplace," commented Michael Weinper, President and Chief Executive Officer of PTPN. "The decision to endorse PTOS Documentation and Scheduling over other products was not taken lightly."

"We are delighted and honored to receive this endorsement from the country's leading network of therapists," reported Robert Brooker, Patterson Medical's Director of PTOS Software. "I am also thankful to PTPN and to our large base of loyal PTOS users, who have together participated in the design the PTOS documentation/EMR and scheduling modules. This helps the product to best meet user needs and serves as a springboard to future innovation." Patterson Medical is a unit of Patterson Companies, Inc. (Nasdaq: PDCO).

PTOS Documentation enables a paperless workplace, and contains many features such as therapist worklists, electronic charge tickets, numerous documentation templates, extensive searching/copying/editing tools, automation of many documentation functions, clinician productivity and tracking reports, and other productivity-enhancing tools. PTOS Scheduling enables scheduling of therapists and resources such as rooms and equipment, access to patient data, collection of co-pays, automated email reminders to patients, warnings when treatment authorization is exceeded, and extensive reporting tools.

PTOS Documentation and Scheduling integrates with PTOS's popular billing application already used by most physical therapy practices in the United States. PTOS is also working to develop HL7 capabilities to enable PTOS Documentation and Scheduling to interface with other billing products that support HL7. In addition, PTOS is incorporating special documentation templates for PTPN members, integration with PTPN's outcomes management system, and a special technical support extension for PTPN members.

The rollout of PTOS to PTPN members is expected immediately.

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About PTPN

PTPN is the nation's first and largest network of rehabilitation therapists in private practice. It has led the rehabilitation industry in pioneering national contracting and quality assurance programs since 1985. The network has more than 1,200 provider offices (including 4,000 physical, occupational and speech therapists) in 23 states. PTPN contracts with most major managed care organizations including insurers, workers' compensation companies, PPOs, HMOs, medical groups, and IPAs. Only offices that are owned and operated by rehabilitation therapists can be members of the network. For more information about PTPN, contact Stephen Moore at (818) 737-0246 or smoore@ptpn.com, or visit ptpn.com.

About PTOS Software

Originally created in 1979, PTOS Software has grown to become the software used by most physical therapy practices in the United States. It is prevalent in all 50 states. Among other things, PTOS offers billing, documentation, electronic medical records, scheduling, collections, outcomes, statistics and productivity analysis components to its products. PTOS is available both as an integrated application, and also as separate billing, scheduling, and documentation/EMR modules that can interface with other principal products that serve the physical therapy marketplace. PTOS is used by single users, large single clinics, small or mid-sized multiclinic practices, all the way up to large enterprise practices with 250+ clinics. Users of PTOS can easily find staff already familiar with and trained on the product. In addition, PTOS seminars and training are available in major US cities. PTOS's extensive support team has a strong PT background. More information can be found at the PTOS website at www.ptos.com or by calling 800-824-4305.

About Patterson Companies, Inc.

Patterson Companies, Inc. is a value-added distributor serving the dental, companion-pet veterinarian and rehabilitation supply markets.

Dental Market

As Patterson's largest business, Patterson Dental provides a virtually complete range of consumable dental products, equipment and software, turnkey digital solutions and value-added services to dentists and dental laboratories throughout North America.

Veterinary Market

Webster Veterinary is the nation's second largest distributor of consumable veterinary supplies, equipment and software, diagnostic products, vaccines and pharmaceuticals to companion-pet veterinary clinics.

Rehabilitation Market

Patterson Medical is the world's leading distributor of rehabilitation supplies and non-wheelchair assistive patient products to the physical and occupational therapy markets. The unit's global customer base includes hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and dealers.

This release contains forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are information of a non-historical nature and are subject to risks and uncertainties that are beyond the Company's ability to control. The Company cautions shareholders and prospective investors that the following factors, among others, may cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements: competition within the dental, veterinary, and rehabilitative and assistive living supply industries; changes in the economics of dentistry, including reduced growth in expenditures by private dental insurance plans, the effects of economic conditions and the effects of healthcare reform, which may affect future per capita expenditures for dental services and the ability and willingness of dentists to invest in high-technology products; the effects of healthcare related legislation and regulation which may affect expenditures or reimbursements for rehabilitative and assistive products; changes in the economics of the veterinary supply market, including reduced growth in per capita expenditures for veterinary services and reduced growth in the number of households owning pets; the ability of the Company to maintain satisfactory relationships with its sales force; unforeseen operating risks; risks associated with the dependence on manufacturers of the Company's products; and the ability of the Company to successfully integrate the recent acquisitions into its existing business. Forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by the cautionary language set forth in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Form 10-K for fiscal year 2007.