

## **Forerun Collaborates with Digital Pen Systems To Launch Forerun Chart with Digital Pen Technology™**

### ***Improves Emergency Department Care Delivery Without Any Workflow Impact***

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**WALTHAM, Mass.—June 23, 2010—**[Forerun, Inc.](#), today announced an exclusive development and license agreement with Digital Pen Systems, Inc. to incorporate Anoto Digital Pen Functionality into its Forerun Chart with Digital Pen Technology™ system for hospital emergency departments (EDs).

Forerun is a clinically-focused healthcare IT company that builds and hosts custom-designed solutions to improve the patient experience, quality of care, and economics of emergency care for hospitals. Digital Pen Systems is a leading provider of digital pen and paper for transferring handwritten information into digital data.

### **No Impact on Physician Workflows, Improved Patient Satisfaction**

Physician documentation, or charting workflows, in the ED have historically incorporated collection of patient data on paper forms at the patient's bedside, and after the completion of the care process. Obstacles to adoption of electronic documentation in the ED are many with the first being a significant drop in physician productivity. This inevitably occurs due to the time required for physicians to enter data into ED workstations using non-intuitive, rigid charting functionality that is characteristic of today's enterprise hospital information systems and electronic medical records (EMRs).

Forerun has partnered with Digital Pen Systems to address these challenges by incorporating Anoto Digital Pen Functionality into its Forerun Chart with Digital Pen Technology System. Following standard workflows, clinicians can collect a subset of patient data at the bedside on a standard paper form with a special pen and then place the pen in a pen dock. The data collected in writing is automatically uploaded to the patient's EMR. Physician face-to-face time with the patient is preserved while the electronic record requirement is met.

"The Forerun Chart with Digital Pen Technology is a next-generation EMR that allows for the real-time completion of a clinically rich electronic chart during the care process and as part of physician's natural workflow," explained Ken Wolfe, Forerun CEO.

### **A Synergistic Partnership**

"After reviewing all of the available digital pen technology partners, it was clear that Digital Pen Systems had the greatest depth and experience with enterprise digital pen and paper solutions," said Ken Wolfe. "A critical component of a successful EMR for the ED is one that simultaneously enables increased patient time and decreased computing time for the physician. A majority of ED physicians continue to chart on paper and resist usage of the electronic documentation offered by their hospital because of the nearly twenty percent loss of clinical efficiency. The Forerun Chart with Digital Pen Technology preserves the natural clinical workflow of real-time bedside charting while delivering the benefits of an EMR including improved revenue cycle management and error reduction."

Jason Soulier, CEO of Digital Pen Systems said, "The combination of Digital Pen Systems' tools and Forerun's application that seamlessly integrates with the hospital's clinical information

systems, results in a highly effective bedside computing device. The Digital Pen Systems paper form has many of the critical fields pre-filled with data from patient registration and nursing triage activities. Once the form is completed by the physician using the digital pen, it is automatically uploaded into Forerun's Software as a Service (SaaS) platform application into a fully electronic patient chart for the ED physicians to review and complete. The marriage of these two technologies provides a much needed solution to documenting the delivery of emergency care services."

### **About Forerun**

Forerun, Inc. is the leading innovator in real-time workflow management solutions for the hospital emergency department. Forerun ED™ was developed by physicians, for physicians, to enable emergency department caregivers to accelerate the delivery of patient services during the busiest of times, while enhancing patient safety and the quality of care. Core functionality includes electronic physician documentation, global departmental management, clinical patient management, discharge processing and medication reconciliation, and quality and business intelligence reporting. Founders include leading emergency medicine practitioners and IT experts associated with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School. Forerun is headquartered in Waltham, Massachusetts. Visit <http://www.forerunsystems.com> for additional information.

### **About Digital Pen Systems.**

Digital Pen Systems, a Gold Anoto Application and Platform Provider, and the first US company (2007) to be awarded Anoto's Golden Pen Award for 'Most Satisfied Customer', is a leading provider of distributed pen-based computing solutions. Its leadership began pioneering HP's Digital Pen and Paper business, and continues today with full license to the Forms Automation System along with several innovative technologies in form printing and interpretation. Digital Pen Systems works in a variety of industries including healthcare, pharmaceutical trials, insurance, and field services. Digital Pen Systems has offices in Salt Lake City, UT and Boston, MA. For more information: [www.digitalpensystems.com](http://www.digitalpensystems.com).

### **About Anoto**

Anoto is the company behind and world leading in the unique technology for digital pen and paper, which enables fast and reliable transmission of handwritten text into a digital format. Anoto operates through a global partner network that focuses on user-friendly forms solutions for efficient capture, transmission and storage of data within different business segments, e.g. healthcare, bank and finance, transport and logistics and education. The Anoto Group has around 110 employees, offices in Lund (head office), Boston and Tokyo. The Anoto share is traded on the Small Cap list of OMX Nordic Exchange in Stockholm under the ticker ANOT. For more information: [www.anoto.com](http://www.anoto.com).

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