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**GREATER HOUSTON HEALTHCONNECT NAMES NEW CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER**

*Dr. Philip Beckett Brings Technical Expertise, Breadth of Experience to Critical Role of Managing Implementation of Health Information Exchange in 20-County Region*

**May 23, 2012 (HOUSTON)** – Greater Houston Healthconnect, a community-based organization responsible for enabling information sharing among healthcare providers in the Greater Houston Area, today announced the appointment of Dr. Philip Beckett as Chief Technology Officer. Beckett will oversee the implementation of the software that will connect more than 130 hospitals and 14,000 physicians to improve health outcomes for 7 million area residents.

“Phil is the ideal person to manage the implementation of a region-wide health information network in the Greater Houston area,” said Dr. Jim Langabeer, CEO of Healthconnect. “He possesses a range of technical skills and deep experience in leveraging the electronic health record to facilitate coordination of care, making him a tremendous asset. I’m confident that Phil’s expertise will allow Healthconnect to maintain sustainable growth toward the goal of complete connectivity in our world-class healthcare community.”

Beckett joins Healthconnect after eight years in various roles at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), where most recently he was Executive Director for Commercial Solutions. In collaboration with physician leaders at BCM, he took a lead role in expanding the model of the EHR beyond the electronic medical record application to a full suite of tools to support patient care and research. While at BCM, Beckett encouraged the adoption of EHR through customized solutions that not only addressed provider and workflow needs, but leveraged technology to improve efficiency and safety.

Prior to joining BCM, Beckett helped build Houston-based medical software company RosettaMed, which was sold to the Kyrptiq Corporation in Oregon. At Kyrptiq, he was responsible for technical sales support and implementation of the company’s products in the Central and Eastern United States. Throughout his career, Beckett has spearheaded advances in development and management of data interfaces, patient-entered data, streamlined billing, disease management and device integration.

Beckett holds a doctorate in nutrition and metabolism and a Master of Science from the University of Aberdeen, and a Bachelor of Science from University College of North Wales. Beckett is the author or co-author of more than 15 published journals and articles.

Beckett said, “This is an exciting time to be joining Healthconnect. As CTO, I look forward to working with the many providers in our region to deliver an interoperable, standards-based network of networks that adds value to the IT investments already made by these health systems.”

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**About Greater Houston Healthconnect**

Greater Houston Healthconnect is an independent, community-based organization responsible for enabling information exchange among healthcare providers in the Greater Houston area, which encompasses a 20-county region. It is tasked with mobilizing healthcare information electronically across organizations to enhance the safety, quality, and efficiency of care and improve information access throughout the region. Key stakeholders include healthcare providers, payers, employers and the community as a whole. For more information, visit <http://www.ghhconnect.org/>.