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SUNQUEST INFORMATION SYSTEMS RECOMMENDED TO ALL HOSPITALS BY SERIOUS HAZARDS OF TRANSFUSION ORGANIZATION

Tucson, AZ, November 19, 2013 – Sunquest Information Systems Integrated Clinical Environment™ (ICE) is pleased to be the recommended choice for hospitals by the Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT) in the 2012 Annual Report. SHOT promoted their 2012 Annual Report, published July 2013, at the October British Blood Transfusion Society conference, the UK's leading conference in blood transfusion.

The purpose of SHOT is to collect and analyze data on adverse events and reactions in blood transfusion from all healthcare organizations that are involved in the transfusion of blood and blood components in the United Kingdom. SHOT produces a list of recommendations in their annual report based on the reported risks and problems identified, which work to improve patient safety and correct preventable errors from occurring in the future. The recommendations are put into SHOT's annual report that is then distributed to all the relevant organizations, hospitals, and professional bodies.

SHOT identified that electronic access to the blood group and antibody information from reference laboratories by hospital transfusion laboratories would be helpful when managing the transfusion support of complex patients, particularly if patients are treated in different hospitals and/or different geographical areas. These service improvements will make greater use of IT solutions like Sunquest ICE, also known as Sp-ICE. Sp-ICE helps hospitals and service providers reduce risk of transcription errors, reduce test turnaround times, and securely report results to clinicians. Sunquest has worked with National Health Service Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) to implement software changes to function in a national environment.

"Cost effective and scalable IT systems to securely share patient test results between NHS organizations will be key to delivering improved patient care and the modernization of Pathology Services. The Sp-ICE initiative represents an important step towards integrating NHSBT's diagnostic laboratories with the rest of the NHS," said Dr. Andrew Hadley, general manager for specialist services operations at NHSBT.

Hospital transfusion laboratories are encouraged to participate in the national electronic access scheme for blood group and antibody information, which is being developed by Sunquest in coordination with NHSBT. SHOT's 2012 Annual Report recommends Sp-ICE as the solution for integrated NHS organizations to support the health industry's mission of improved patient care.

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