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Wolters Kluwer Health Releases ProVation® MD Query Tool for Streamlined GIQuIC Submission

MINNEAPOLIS, MN –June 7, 2011– [Wolters Kluwer Health](#), a leading global provider of information for healthcare professionals and students, announced today the release of a query tool that streamlines the collection of quality data for the [GI Quality Improvement Consortium Ltd. \(GIQuIC\)](#) benchmarking initiative. Part of [ProVation® MD](#) for gastroenterology (GI) procedure documentation and coding, the query tool also allows for easy collection of data in an approved format that can then be submitted to GIQuIC.

GIQuIC was established by the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) to support quality improvement efforts by creating a national GI endoscopy data repository of Endoscopy Quality Measures. This data will be used to provide benchmarking reports, identify and address care gaps and collect data for use in outcomes studies and other quality initiatives.

Physicians, hospitals and ASCs that participate in GIQuIC's benchmarking initiative, which launched in July 2010, will initially collect and electronically report on 84 quality indicators for colonoscopy. Future modules will focus on EGD, ERCP and EUS procedures.

"Gastroenterologists are under growing pressure to demonstrate that they are providing quality patient care, as well as to improve efficiencies and increase productivity," said Thomas M. Deas, Jr., MD, FACG, FASGE, Director and Vice President, GIQuIC. "Participating in the GIQuIC benchmarking initiative allows them to produce the evidence they need to respond to the quality demands. Thanks to the efforts of vendors like ProVation Medical, the processes for doing so will not negatively impact practice efficiencies. That was our goal; to make data submission as simple and streamlined as possible."

ProVation MD streamlines GIQuIC data collection and submission by first guiding physicians through the process of capturing required, conditionally required and optional data elements. The ProVation MD query tool is then used to organize collected data in a specific format that can be submitted to the GIQuIC registry. For a mid-size facility, automating data collection with the query tool can mean a time savings of up to 40 - 60 hours annually.

ProVation MD replaces dictation and transcription and allows physicians to efficiently document procedures at the point of care. By driving structured and compliant data capture and pairing it with robust reporting and analysis capabilities, it simplifies reporting, clinical research and audit

preparation and simplifies participation in quality initiatives, benchmarking and other reporting statutes.

Available for a full range of medical specialties, ProVation software streamlines the coding and billing process and enhances compliance by producing complete, coding-ready and image-enhanced procedure notes. The end result is greater efficiency, increased profitability and heightened clinician satisfaction.

Wolters Kluwer Health's Clinical Solutions business unit provides evidence-based medical content, workflow based applications software and services that allow clinicians to efficiently and effectively diagnose and document patient care. Key brands ProVation Medical, UpToDate®, Medi-Span®, Facts & Comparisons®, Pharmacy OneSource® and Medicom (China) lead in market segments that include drug information, disease information, clinical patient order sets, clinical documentation and hospital pharmacy productivity applications.

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