



## **'Canada's first' interactive personal health record launched**

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What's being described as Canada's first interactive personal health record is now up and running.

Canadian Patient Access Inc. and Nightingale Informatix Corp. have launched myPatientAccess.ca, an interactive patient portal that's fully integrated with an electronic medical record (EMR) system.

For the first time, Canadian patients will have full, web-based, real-time access to their personal health record (PHR), with information that has been validated by their physician.

MyPatientAccess is fully integrated with Nightingale On Demand (NOD), the web-native EMR system provided by Nightingale, offering patients a seamless link to their PHR. Physicians currently using the NOD EMR have been offered the opportunity for advanced enrollment, to make myPatientAccess available to their patients immediately upon launch.

"We are excited that myPatientAccess has created such a wave of response, not only from physicians and clinics but also from patients," says Moe Jiwan, president of Canadian Patient Access. "Patients are demanding more involvement and control in their healthcare, and myPatientAccess is the only patient portal in Canada that responds to what they are asking for. It will change the way Canadian physicians deliver healthcare and manage patient information. It also opens the door for patients to become more engaged in the management of their own care."

A recent independent survey revealed that more than 60% of Canadian consumers want their physician, hospital or government to provide them with a PHR or online medical record. Among other features, myPatientAccess enables patients to schedule appointments, review lab results after their physicians have reviewed them, request prescription refills, receive clinical alerts and reminders and review care plans, as well as educational materials provided by their doctor.

"Nightingale and Canadian Patient Access have developed a breakthrough solution in response to a critical demand by Canadian consumers," says Sam Chebib, president and CEO of Nightingale. "This is a secure, two-way communication platform, whereby patients have real-time access to the information their physician enters into their EMR."

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