



## MY FAMILY HEALTH PORTRAIT RELEASED

**5AM Solutions supports U.S. Surgeon General by developing web application to store family health history information, integrated with Microsoft® HealthVault™**

February 25, 2010, Reston, VA – Today, the U.S. Surgeon General announced a collaboration with Microsoft HealthVault that will provide new features and expand access to *My Family Health Portrait*, a free Internet-based resource developed by 5AM Solutions<sup>1</sup>. This resource enables consumers to easily record their family health history and integrate the information stored in their My Family Health Portrait profile into a personal HealthVault account. In addition, users will also be able to share that information with a variety of health care providers and services that connect to HealthVault, enabling them to make more informed decisions around their current and future healthcare needs.

“5AM is thrilled to be part of the technology innovation team led by the Surgeon General’s Office, the Office of the Secretary at Health and Human Services, the National Cancer Institute’s Center for Biomedical Informatics and Information Technology, and now Microsoft, Inc., among an array of other private and public sponsors and supporters of the My Family Health Portrait tool. Since we began its evolution into a standards-based, open-source tool in late 2008,” noted Brent Gendleman, 5AM Solutions CEO, “our belief – that an online tool that can collect and share a person’s family health history easily and securely will grow in value – has been validated by numerous stakeholders across the country. People will better understand their health history and future risk, motivating behavior change, remove the redundancy in filling out the same questionnaire and doctor’s offices, and ultimately support the dialogue between families and physicians. The emphasis on standards allows interoperability with EMRs and PHRs, connecting information with those who need it and can act on it. The milestone achieved today brings us one step closer to personalized medicine, opening a window of opportunity for leveraging the investments in technology across the biomedical spectrum. We will continue to innovate with the knowledge that using the Internet for such exchanges empowers both patients and physicians.”

5AM plans to provide a web service that transforms the HL7 family history model, a standard on which My Family Health Portrait is based, into the HealthVault model, building upon the experience gained by serving

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Dr. Laura Esserman's Athena Care Network and Dr. Greg Feero's Colorectal Risk Assessment program.

The application will be featured in the Interoperability Showcase at the Health Information Management Systems Society meeting March 1-4 in Atlanta. Dr. Greg Feero, Special Advisor to the Director for Genomic Medicine at the National Human Genome Research Institute, will demonstrate the software on Tuesday, March 2 at noon and. The tool can be accessed at <http://familyhistory.hhs.gov>. Watch a film of the software's interaction with HealthVault at <http://www.5amsolutions.com/Videos/FHH/>.

### **About 5AM Solutions**

5AM Solutions develops innovative software solutions for academic, government, commercial, and non-profit life sciences organizations. The company helps evolve the way biomedical researchers work and collaborate by using software to reveal new insights hidden in vast amounts of data, facilitate translational research, and solve workflow challenges. The company's solutions can overcome IT-based roadblocks to discovery and accelerate progress toward the ultimate goal of better health and improved patient outcomes. <http://www.5amsolutions.com>

### **About My Family Health Portrait**

The Surgeon General's Family Health History Initiative is a collaborative initiative supported by agencies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). My Family Health Portrait is hosted by the Cancer Biomedical Informatics Grid (caBIG®) at the National Cancer Institute<sup>1</sup>, National Institutes of Health (NIH). The upgrade of the portal was also supported by the National Human Genome Research Institute and the National Cancer Institute at National Institutes of Health (NIH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Indian Health Service (IHS). For access to My Family Health Portrait, visit <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov/>. For more information about The Surgeon General's Family Health History Initiative visit <http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/>.

### **About Microsoft HealthVault**

Microsoft HealthVault is a personal health application platform designed to put consumers in control of their health information. HealthVault provides a privacy- and security-enhanced foundation on which a broad ecosystem of providers can build innovative health and wellness solutions such as personal health records, disease management, fitness, weight loss and other Web applications. HealthVault can be used to collect and store health information that would otherwise reside in disparate systems and transfer the information between a variety of providers' health services and systems. It enables the reuse and free flow of interoperable and transportable personal health information. For more information, visit [www.HealthVault.com](http://www.HealthVault.com).

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