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**PORTER HOSPITAL SELECTS MERGE HEALTHCARE ICONNECT IMAGE INTEROPERABILITY SOLUTION**  
*300+ bed facility to roll out zero footprint viewer*

Chicago, IL (July 21, 2011) Merge Healthcare (NASDAQ: MRGE), a leading provider of enterprise imaging and interoperability solutions, announced today that Porter Hospital will install the iConnect image interoperability solution suite at its 300-bed facility to simplify image viewing from within their EMR.

"iConnect is streamlining the clinical workflow for physicians, which in turn leads to an improvement in the way care will be delivered," said Jeff Surges, CEO, Merge Healthcare. "It does so by providing real-time access, regardless of the multiple applications in which the images may be stored, eliminating the need to burn CDs and by integrating among all specialties."

iConnect delivers a zero-download DICOM and XDS viewer that provides access to medical images from any approved Web-enabled device for referring physicians. With iConnect, images can be accessed faster and easier because there no longer is a need to download images to a PC. Hospital physicians and referring physicians can now view images in real time anywhere, any time.

"We expect iConnect to help us improve physician satisfaction and increase referral patterns by making it easier to work with Porter Hospital," said Mary Brewer, Director of IT & Facility Security Officer, Porter Hospital. "iConnect will help eliminate calls to our help desk and enable image review in real time to all of our remote and satellite referring physicians."

**About Merge Healthcare**

Merge Healthcare is the leading provider of enterprise imaging and interoperability solutions. Merge solutions facilitate the sharing of images to create a more effective and efficient electronic healthcare experience for patients and physicians. Merge provides enterprise imaging solutions for radiology, cardiology and orthopaedics; a suite of products for clinical trials; software for financial and pre-surgical management, and applications that fuel the largest modality vendors in the world. Merge's products have been used by healthcare providers, vendors and researchers worldwide to improve patient care for more than 20 years. Additional information can be found at [www.merge.com](http://www.merge.com).

**About Porter Health System**

With a rich history in Northwest Indiana, Porter Health System provides leading-edge technology, the latest innovations in medical care and personalized patient experiences to individuals in Porter, Lake, Jasper, Newton and Starke counties. Throughout our healthcare system, Porter instills best-practice protocols in everything we do, and our efforts have garnered us state and national recognition. While these accolades are important, our priority is providing our patients with the best possible care in a safe and caring environment.

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