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Datalys Center Adds SIMS to its Export Engine Certified Vendor List
SIMS can now send injury surveillance data to the NCAA's Injury Surveillance Program

Indianapolis, February 23, 2010 --- The Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention announced today that SIMS is Export Engine Certified.

As part of its oversight and management of the NCAA's Injury Surveillance Program, the Datalys Center has launched a number of new initiatives aimed at increasing athletic trainer and institutional participation and enhanced data access and use. In early 2009, the Datalys Center published a data transmission standard called Export Engine. The Export Engine standard allows athletic trainers to securely transfer injury surveillance data from their electronic medical record systems directly to the Datalys Center.

SIMS joins a growing list of Export Engine Certified vendors that now includes ATS and Nextt Solutions.

"SIMS has a long and prominent history in the athletic training electronic medical record market," said Troy Hege, President of the Datalys Center. "Interest by athletic trainers in the injury surveillance program has always been high. The key is to make participation easy, which was the underlying premise behind the launch of the Export Engine Program last year."

In addition to supporting student athlete health and safety efforts, program participation in the NCAA's Injury Surveillance Program provides a number of benefits to athletic trainers and their institutions:

- The injury surveillance data has been used in support of policy and rule changes that have helped to promote safer participation in collegiate sports. In some cases, safer participation has lead to a mitigation of injuries and treatments (for example, heat illness episodes).
- Participating institutions have used the data to better understand the resource justification and allocation of athletic trainers by sport (e.g., National Athletic Trainers Association Recommendations and Guidelines for Appropriate Medical Coverage of Intercollegiate Athletics).
- Comparison of regional and national injury rates allow a university to explore relevant clinical best practices with appropriate peer groups.

- The electronic documentation of medical records is a recognized risk management best practice. Through Export Engine and Injury Surveillance Tool options, the injury surveillance program can be integrated in to this best practice.
- Institutions using paper injury records can now leverage the Injury Surveillance Tool to augment and streamline their existing record keeping process.

To become Export Engine Certified, a software vendor must demonstrate to the Datalys Center that their product enables athletic trainers to collect NCAA injury surveillance data and transmit this data in a secure manner. Certification is awarded only after a comprehensive set of test data has been transmitted by the vendor and verified by the Datalys Center.

“The Datalys Center is open to working with all software vendors and institutions interested in program certification,” said Hege.

More information about the Datalys Center, the Export Engine Program, their certified vendors, and the NCAA’s Injury Surveillance Program is available at www.datalyscenter.org.

More information about SIMS can be obtained from their website at www.flantech.net.

NCAA Injury Surveillance Program

Since 1982 the NCAA has collected injury and exposure data yearly from a sample of NCAA member institutions. The resulting information is used by the NCAA as key building blocks for evidence-based student athlete health and safety efforts. Today the NCAA is recognized as a national leader in sports injury surveillance.

About the Datalys Center

The Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention is a non-profit research institution founded in Indianapolis in 2008. The Datalys Center collects and translates sport injury data into information that can be effectively applied toward injury prevention, sports medicine outcomes and better public health. In 2009, the day-to-day management and oversight of the NCAA Injury Surveillance Program was transitioned to the Datalys Center.

About SIMS

SIMS is an advanced injury documentation and management software application, designed to streamline the recording requirements of today’s athletic trainer. Introduced in 1986, SIMS has evolved from a research data collection tool to a comprehensive, user-friendly, injury management application. SIMS today can be found on hundreds of workstations nationwide, ranging from high school, university and professional training rooms, to clinics that provide outreach services.

SIMS is the flagship product of FlanTech Computer Services, who have been providing software solutions to the sports medicine community since 2000. Our intensely loyal customer base speaks to our focus on superior customer service and technical support, not to mention our budget conscious pricing model. Please take a moment to visit our website (<http://sims.flantech.net>) to learn more about the SIMS product family.