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## MedVirginia CEO to Speak at Key National HIT Conferences

MedVirginia CEO Michael Matthews, widely recognized as a visionary and innovator in deploying Health Information Technology (HIT), has been invited to speak at several prominent conferences in 2006, including: **The**

**Quality Colloquium**, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, August 20-23, 2006, and he will represent Virginia in the *Inaugural National Assembly of State, Regional and Community Leaders Focused on Improving Health and Healthcare Information Exchange* at **The Third National Health Technology Summit**, in Washington DC, September 25-27, 2006.

### The Quality Colloquium

The Healthcare Colloquium Conference Series addresses issues of healthcare policy and practice through executive courses offered at major academic institutions. The first Colloquium, which addressed the impact of the Internet on healthcare, took place on the campus of Harvard University in August of 2000. This special edition of the Healthcare Colloquium Series provides a strategic road map for healthcare purchasers, plans and providers in their efforts to enhance patient safety, reduce medical errors, and improve healthcare quality. Mr. Matthews co-presenting with Sumit Nagpal, President & CEO of Wellogic in Boston, MA, will describe the role of community-level information technology in healthcare quality enhancement, medical error reduction, and continuity of care. This presentation will focus on creative yet practical solutions to health IT adoption and clinical data exchange to enable a higher quality of care.

### The Third National Health Technology Summit

Mr. Matthews will represent Virginia on the **Caucus of State Leaders Focused on HIT: Eastern Region**. Members from each of five regions will share insights, learn from one another and work to advance the policy agenda for the nation. The Summit will also include an in-depth look at rapidly emerging policy changes related to both quality and HIT, touching on financial, clinical quality, organizational, legal, technical, and privacy-related issues.

For more information about the conferences, visit: [www.qualitycolloquium.com](http://www.qualitycolloquium.com) or [www.ehealthinitiative.org](http://www.ehealthinitiative.org).

### About MedVirginia

MedVirginia LLC, established in 2000, is a provider-owned organization based in Richmond, VA. Its organizational purpose is to improve quality, safety and efficiency through the use of health information technology. At its core is *MedVirginia Solution*, a community-based health information exchange linking clinical data from physicians, hospitals, labs and pharmacies. In January 2006, MedVirginia's RHIO became operational, making it among the first "live" RHIOs in the U.S.

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