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Canadian EMS Operators

## RE: National EMS Database Benchmarking Project

As you may already be aware the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada (PCC) has moved forward on the initiation of various strategies outlined in the White Paper including the development of a proposed set of performance measures for EMS.

The first element of the National Database project, development of a standardized repository and collection process has now been completed through the service partnership between PCC and Interdev Technologies. We <u>require your assistance</u> to continue to Phase 2 of data collection across all participating Canadian EMS organizations to confirm both proof of concept and process validity. In order to complete the current phase our approach is as follows:

- 1. All Canadian EMS organizations utilizing an electronic Patient Care Record (ePCR) product:
  - a. Are being contacted through this note to determine their desire to participate (please respond to Kelly Nash at <u>ed@emscc.ca</u> or to Emily Hull at <u>hulle@interdev.ca</u> to indicate whether you wish to participate). Particular details that we would like to receive at the outset include service name, primary contact for the purpose of this project, and contact details (email and telephone); and
  - b. been provided a copy of the proposed data sharing agreement which will require sign off by the participating services. Signed and scanned copies of the agreement in PDF format, preferably with signatures in blue and the remainder of the text in black, will be sufficient to move forward. Please return signed copies to either Kelly or Emily at the email address above.

Your assistance in confirming your interest in participating in this process, and providing the requisite data sharing agreement, is going to be an invaluable part of moving EMS across Canada forward to standardized reporting and performance metrics which will in turn support the development and growth of our profession.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kelly Nash or Emily Hull directly.

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Yours sincerely,

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Attachment: Data Sharing Agreement