



Department of Veteran Affairs Continues Expansion of DecisionSim, Inc.'s Simulation-Based Learning Platform

Nation's largest healthcare system broadens use of 'real-world' teaching model to improve decisions that impact patient outcomes

Chadds Ford, PA – June 30, 2015 – DecisionSim, Inc., the leading provider of simulation-based learning platforms, announced today that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) continues to expand the DecisionSim™ program to provide assessment, education and training for its healthcare professionals and staff. The growth of the partnership between DecisionSim, Inc. and the VA—the largest integrated healthcare delivery system in the U.S., providing care to more than 9.1 million veterans—can help raise the standards for healthcare education among hospitals and other patient care facilities around the country.

Simulation is a standard practice to improve the safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of healthcare services. It can involve role-play and other activities imitating or representing a range of medical situations or processes. DecisionSim leverages adult learning and gaming concepts in simulations that replicate the daily challenges of healthcare interactions. It is the only simulation-based learning platform using a real-world, data-driven, virtual experience to improve learners' knowledge and application of diagnostic, procedural, and communication skills that impact clinical decision-making.

In 2011, the VA launched a pilot program using DecisionSim as part of the VA's healthcare-simulation assessment and training initiative. Based on the success of the pilot, in 2012 the VA signed a five-year, enterprise-wide contract providing all VA employees access to DecisionSim. Since then, the VA has incorporated DecisionSim into the broader Employee Education System (EES) group, benefiting a wide range of clinical and non-clinical employees. EES has applied the platform for research, women's health, palliative care, residency training, nurse education, and staff training, among other initiatives. Overall, more than 35,000 VA employees have received training through the program. The VA has exercised the first three option years of the initial 2012 contract. Its investment in DecisionSim will exceed \$10 million if all of the options are exercised.

"We are pleased the VA is increasing its use of DecisionSim to help meet the simulation-training needs of its healthcare professionals and other stakeholders," said Bob Yayac, CEO of DecisionSim, Inc. "We believe the platform's demonstrated success at the VA will translate to a variety of clinical settings, helping organizations improve patient outcomes in a continually evolving and complex healthcare system."

DecisionSim Inc.'s primary partner for the VA partnership is Catapult Technology, Ltd., an award-winning, customer-oriented, provider of full-service management consulting and information technology (IT) solutions.

About DecisionSim, Inc.

DecisionSim, Inc. has been a leading provider of simulation technology and services to the healthcare industry since 2010. Its simulation-based learning platform, DecisionSim™, enhances decision-making by allowing organizations to easily create assessment, education and training programs that deliver insights and improve outcomes through real-world engagement.

DecisionSim allows for rapid development of customized simulations that can be deployed across all devices. These simulations enable learners to make decisions in context, applying knowledge and receiving real-time feedback—an adaptive learning approach that increases engagement and accelerates mastery. All interaction data is tracked and analyzed to deliver objective, actionable insights that lead to improved outcomes. DecisionSim is used for assessment, education and training by all levels of healthcare professionals, staff and patients, and has been applied to both medical and non-medical training.

DecisionSim has been adopted by organizations around the world, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other top healthcare systems, innovators in patient education, pharmaceutical companies, professional societies, continuing medical education providers, insurers, and academic institutions as well as corporate training organizations. To learn more, visit **www.DecisionSim.com**. Follow DecisionSim, Inc., on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About Catapult Technology, Ltd.

Catapult Technology, Ltd. is a mid-tier federal contractor that provides full lifecycle information technology and management consulting services to a breadth of civilian, defense, and intelligence agencies. Catapult Technology, a full-service management consulting and information technology solutions provider, brings to this project its program management expertise, as well as proven past performance with the VA. Catapult was founded in 1996 and is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia. Learn more at www.catapulttechnology.com.

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