

## **Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center First in New York State to Leverage New Technology When Diagnosing Complex Conditions**

Valhalla, N.Y. October 22, 2008 – Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center is the first children's hospital in New York State to provide pediatric specialists with an additional resource in diagnosing complex conditions, further enhancing the outstanding care the hospital provides to its pediatric patients.

The Web-based tool, from Isabel Healthcare Inc., (Falls Church, VA), enables physicians handling some of the nation's toughest cases to interact real-time with a massive medical knowledge database, providing immediate reference materials based on a patient's symptoms and clinical issues.

According to Dr. Robert Weiss, Director of Pediatric Nephrology at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center, "As a major tertiary care academic medical center, our staff is regularly presented with complex diagnostic cases. The Isabel system complements the knowledge and experience of our physicians to provide the most accurate and fastest diagnoses at the point of care. Also, as part of our mission to train new pediatricians, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center is dedicated to using the most sophisticated tools to educate trainees."

Today, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center provides care to nearly 13,000 children annually in its pediatric emergency department, and approximately 6000 inpatients and those undergoing surgical procedures. The hospital is the advanced care pediatric facility for New York's Hudson Valley with more than 300 providers devoted to children's healthcare. As such, the hospital sees and treats the region's most unique cases.

Isabel's medical knowledge library contains 11,000 potential diagnoses, 4,200 drug suggestions and 100,000 articles from medical journals. Isabel enables physicians to scan dozens of potential diagnoses and treatments with just a few clicks. Nearly two dozen published research studies have shown Isabel to be fast, easy to use and 95% accurate in suggesting diagnoses. In addition, the system has been validated by more than 35,000 healthcare providers worldwide in live clinical settings.

The Isabel system is now in use at the leading hospitals which form the Child Health Corporation of America, as well as major U.S. medical centers, including Kaiser Permanente, Loma Linda Medical Center, University of Virginia Health System and the Washington University School of Medicine. The software can be interfaced with many leading electronic medical records systems.

With hundreds of clinical and surgical specialists in every medical field, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center is dedicated to the health and well-being of children -- treating more than 30,000 patients each year. From pediatric trauma and intensive care, to cancer and heart disease and complex gastrointestinal disorders including liver transplantation, this clinical expertise is provided in a state-of-the-art building that was designed from the point of view of children and their families, not just from the perspective of doctors and nurses. This concept is the cornerstone of the approach in providing healthcare for children called "family-centered care" -- involving parents, siblings and family members in a child's treatment, every step of the way. This specially created environment enables medical specialists to provide the most advanced care to patients. For more information, see [www.worldclassmedicine.com/MFCH](http://www.worldclassmedicine.com/MFCH)

Isabel Healthcare, based in Falls Church, VA, was founded in 2000 by Jason Maude and Joseph Britto, M.D. The company is named after Maude's young daughter, who almost died in 1999 after a potentially fatal illness was not recognized by family and ER physicians. For company background, see <http://www.isabelhealthcare.com/home/faq>

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