



## **Valley Baptist Health System to Add Unique Patient Safety Technology**

### ***Isabel Healthcare To Offer Clinical Decision Support Systems Providing a Safety Net For Physicians***

**HOUSTON** (December 9, 2004) – Isabel Healthcare, Inc. announced a new client that will soon reap the benefits of the Isabel system as an enhanced resource to all affiliated providers. Valley Baptist Health System in Harlingen, Texas is now a user of the Isabel Clinical Decision Support and Diagnosis Reminder system and joins a fast growing list of leading global hospitals.

Isabel equips physicians and healthcare professionals with a sophisticated decision support system that has been developed over the last 5 years. In clinical trials Isabel has been shown to significantly enhance decision-making, which should result in a decrease in treatment delays, and more appropriate transfer of patients to specialist centers. The widespread use of Isabel will improve care, lower costs and improve healthcare quality and safety.

Valley Baptist's partnership with Isabel signifies their commitment to enhancing patient safety and preventing misdiagnosis. Valley Baptist Medical Center is the leader in South Texas when it comes to excellence in health care, medical advancements, and high-tech equipment. In quality ratings, Valley Baptist has received the top 5-star rating in three different service lines -- putting Valley Baptist among only two percent of the hospitals in the United States that have achieved that honor.

"Isabel is a robust database of information and linkages to help clinicians formulate comprehensive lists of differential diagnoses," said Dr. Stan Fisch, pediatrician and chairman of the Medical Informatics Committee of Valley Baptist Health System. "Its interface is simple and intuitive, and for teaching students and residents, there is nothing comparable. Outstanding in every way!"

#### **About Valley Baptist Health System**

Valley Baptist Health System has served the Rio Grande Valley since 1925. The health system includes two hospitals, Valley Baptist Medical Center-Harlingen (600 beds) and Valley Baptist Medical Center-Brownsville (243 beds). In 2003, Valley Baptist opened the first Children's Center in the Valley, the Matt & Patty Gorges Children's Center at Valley Baptist Medical Center-Harlingen. This year, Valley Baptist formed a partnership with Driscoll Children's Hospital of Corpus Christi to further increase the level of specialized medical services available for Valley children. Valley Baptist is committed to providing the best possible patient care and customer service to Valley residents and visitors. Additional information is available at Valley Baptist's website, [www.valleybaptist.net](http://www.valleybaptist.net).

#### **About Isabel Healthcare, Inc.**



**Isabel** is an award winning, clinical decision support system and a **global leader in Diagnosis Reminder and knowledge mobilizing systems for physicians.** Its unique feature is a diagnosis reminder system, which instantly gives the physician a checklist of likely diagnoses for a patient's condition. Using the same proprietary technology that powers the diagnosis reminder tool, Isabel mobilizes knowledge to help physicians find relevant and specific answers to clinical questions quickly and easily. Multi-centre clinical trials of a full adult version are close to completion with launch scheduled for early 2005. For more information about Isabel Healthcare, Inc. Please visit [www.isabelhealthcare.com](http://www.isabelhealthcare.com).