DOCTORQUALITY™ SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH SIX MAJOR HEALTH SYSTEMS TO ENHANCE PATIENT-SAFETY REPORTING COAST TO COAST

DoctorQuality Helps Health Systems Implement Aggressive Surveillance and Reporting Systems to Reduce Medical Errors in a 'Blame Free' Environment; CA, NY, NJ, FL, TX, MD, and PA Impacted

(Philadelphia, PA - March 8, 2001) - DoctorQuality™, Inc. (www.doctorquality.com), a leading provider of Internet-based health care quality solutions, and six major health care systems from around the country, have joined forces to meet the challenge of providing for safer environments for patients. Following the lead of Dallas-based Baylor Health Care Systems, who successfully piloted DoctorQuality's Web-based Risk Prevention and Management system last year, these health care systems have adopted this tool, which permits employees to report and track patient safety incidents online at its facilities in a "blame free" reporting environment.

David J. Shulkin, MD, chairman and chief executive officer of DoctorQuality, says, "Any employee at these facilities can either anonymously report an error or near error or complete an actual incident report online - and the data goes right into a secure data base that each institution completely owns."

Adds Dr. Shulkin, " We applaud these prestigious organizations for embracing DoctorQuality's Risk Prevention and Management System, and positioning themselves as leaders in early adoption of Internet tools that can truly have an impact on medical outcomes. It demonstrates their aggressive commitment to putting into place surveillance and reporting system that can attest to the fact that they are managing their environments as safely as possible on behalf of their patients."
Recent industry reports underscore the trend for health care systems to adopt various Internet tools to assist their employees. "About 25% of employers are using Internet health care sites as information and communication tools for their employees; 13% use intranet sites," according to Deloitte & Touche's "Employer Survey on Managed Care."

Here is a list of DoctorQuality's clients currently utilizing the Risk Prevention and Management System:

- Salick Healthcare, freestanding, comprehensive cancer treatment centers, in the following locations: Desert Hospital, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Palm Springs, CA; Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center, Berkeley, CA; St. Vincent's Medical Center, Comprehensive Cancer Center, NY, NY; 32nd Street, Cancer Treatment Center, NY, NY; Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Miami, FL; Aventura Cancer Treatment Center, Aventura, FL, and Boca Raton Comprehensive Cancer Center, Boca Raton, FL

- Robert Wood Johnson Health Network - Comprised of seven major hospitals in New Jersey, including, Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel; CentraState Healthcare System, Freehold; Rahway Hospital, Rahway; Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy and Old Bridge; Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick; Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital-Hamilton, Hamilton; and Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg

- The National Association of Inpatient Physicians, involving hundreds of hospitals around the country

- Montgomery Hospital, PA

- Federally Qualified Neighborhood Family Care Centers, including their sites in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Camden, New Jersey

- Baylor Health Care System, medical centers in Grapevine and Garland, Texas
DoctorQuality's primary objective is to empower health care providers and consumers with effective tools and information to select and improve the quality and safety of an individual's health care service. In recent months, the Disease Management Association of America and Gómez.com have recognized DoctorQuality for its outstanding work in the health care services field and its proprietary database of quality ratings and recommendations. Last year, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest philanthropy dedicated to health and health care, awarded DoctorQuality with a contract to work with providers and consumers to ultimately design a health care system in which providers are rewarded for improved health care quality over profit.

About DoctorQuality

DoctorQuality is an Internet-based company that helps measure, select, purchase and improve the quality of healthcare. As the world's first quality benefits management company, DoctorQuality allows purchasers to utilize quality in their decision-making, rewards providers for delivering better value and benefits consumers with improved outcomes in healthcare. For more information, visit the company's Web site at: www.doctorquality.com.