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**Jericho Systems Corporation and Patient Privacy Rights Founder
Dr. Deborah Peel Share Common Vision for the Future of Patient Privacy**

*Leader in Attribute-Based Access and Security Decisioning Provides Proven
Technology to Enable Personal Control over Sharing of Electronic Health Records*

Dallas, TX and Austin, TX - April 26, 2011 - [Jericho Systems Corporation](#), the pioneer in Attribute-Based Access Control (ABAC) technology for securely sharing sensitive healthcare information, met recently with Dr. Deborah Peel, founder of [Patient Privacy Rights](#) (PPR), the nation's health privacy watchdog. The organizations share a strong commitment to ensuring the security of confidential health information, and the right of individuals to control the uses and disclosures of their personal health data.

Dr. Peel and Jericho Systems discussed PPR's increasing concern over the lack of patient privacy as the healthcare industry adopts electronic health records (EHRs), and explored how the [patented](#) technology of Jericho's [EnterSpace Decisioning Service](#) (ESDS) is addressing those concerns.

"Americans should be terrified to learn they have no control over their health data in the majority of health IT systems," said Dr. Peel. "Unfortunately, private corporations interested in data mining and using patient data without consent designed today's systems. The ability to [rapidly share the personal health information](#) of the entire nation has created a multi-billion-dollar industry for the sale of this data, even by government entities.

"The right of patients to control their most sensitive personal data – from prescriptions to DNA – was [eliminated by federal regulators](#) implementing the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) in 2002. The privacy notices we sign in doctors' offices do not ensure our control over personal data. Instead, they describe how our personal data will be used and disclosed without our consent and even if we object.

“Compounding the problem is the fact that health IT security is abysmal. Weak role-based security enables rampant insider snooping, hacking and data theft,” Dr. Peel concluded. “Reports of [major health data breaches](#) are now almost daily occurrences. Organized criminal rings exploit the weak security of health IT systems to buy or steal patient and doctor information, submit millions of dollars in fraudulent Medicare and insurance claims, and commit identity theft and medical identity theft.”

Jericho Systems’ [patented](#) ABAC technology, [selected](#) as a key security component of the new Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN; formerly NHIN), protects both the security and privacy of healthcare data. In addition to capturing organizational security and privacy policies, Jericho’s [EnterSpace Decisioning Service](#) (ESDS) enables medical records to be “tagged” with fine-grained personal directives for their use and disclosure. When individual healthcare data is requested, the ESDS rules engine combines those policies and directives with other attributes of the data to make real-time decisions to either allow or deny access.

“At the 2011 HIMSS healthcare conference, Jericho Systems [partnered with the Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (VA) to implement and demonstrate the recommendations of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology ([PCAST](#)) for enforcing patient-controlled privacy and sensitivity tagging,” said [Duane DeCouteau](#), Jericho’s managing director of software.

“Through our extensive work with the VA and DoD, Jericho Systems now offers the most adaptive and reliable platform for the controlled sharing of healthcare data. We are proud to join PPR’s [Coalition for Patient Privacy](#), and look forward to working with Dr. Peel to achieve our shared vision for the security and privacy of medical information.”

Dr. Deborah Peel commented, “Jericho’s exciting technology can be easily integrated with other HIT systems and offers the potential to solve patient privacy and security concerns *now*, enabling compliance with the historic new [HITECH privacy and security provisions](#) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Patient control over data must be built into health IT systems and data exchanges up front for patients to be willing to use and trust electronic health records.”

About Patient Privacy Rights

[Patient Privacy Rights](#) is the nation’s leading health privacy watchdog. Our mission is to ensure the right to control sensitive health information in electronic health systems, from prescription records to DNA, to protect jobs, reputations, and future opportunities. Patient Privacy Rights has over 12, 000 members in all 50 states and leads the bipartisan [Coalition for Patient Privacy](#), representing over 10 million Americans.

About Jericho Systems Corporation

Dallas-based [Jericho Systems Corporation](#) provides enterprise-scalable decisioning and privilege management solutions, with its largest customers representing the [healthcare](#), [DoD and intelligence](#), and [homeland security](#) communities.

Jericho's [EnterSpace Decisioning Service](#) (ESDS) software and [professional services](#) facilitate information security, regulatory compliance, quality and efficiency. ESDS also improves collaboration and leverages the value of data by enabling timely and secure sharing of sensitive information -- not only between internal groups, but also with external organizations.

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