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The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), a leading integrated healthcare enterprise, and dbMotion, provider of web-based data-sharing and integration technology, announced on October 19th an \$84 million initiative to create one of the largest models of true interoperability in healthcare.

dbMotion's technology will provide a flexible platform for UPMC's clinicians to securely access integrated patient information across its 19 hospitals and 400 outpatient sites and doctors' offices, without replacing existing systems. The result will be a model of interoperability for regional and national health information networks. To facilitate this initiative, UPMC and dbMotion will also create a joint development effort in Pittsburgh.

"Semantic interoperability – which integrates clinical information from disparate systems – is quintessential for attaining excellence in patient safety and quality of care," said UPMC Chief Information Officer, Dan Drawbaugh. "With dbMotion's best-in-class solution, UPMC will achieve a new level of integration, allowing our physicians to have current, relevant patient information and advanced decision support tools at the point of care. Many healthcare organisations have been promised advanced interoperability, but in reality, few solutions are available today. The dbMotion partnership is poised to deliver these solutions nationally and internationally."

"By investing in a SOA-based, healthcare-specific infrastructure, UPMC is tackling head-on the biggest challenge to large healthcare organisations: providing fine-grained interoperability that extends beyond simply sharing data to integrating the data into business processes," said Wes Rishel, Vice President and Research Director at Gartner.

More information about UPMC and dbMotion can be found online at: [www.upmc.com](http://www.upmc.com) and [www.dbmotion.com](http://www.dbmotion.com).

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