Trauma Vendor Alliance Announces Free Continuity Support Services for the Vendor Validator™

May 17, 2017 - Effective July 1st, 2017 the Vendor Validator™ will transition exclusively to the Trauma Vendor Alliance (TVA) for ongoing support.   The TVA is a public benefit corporation that provides open free industry standards and tools. As of this date, all maintenance fixes, Microsoft compatibility updates, and ongoing technology enhancements to the Vendor Validator™ will be available only through the TVA; which in turn will continue to provide this capability free of charge. The TVA is funding this important initiative at no cost to all vendors, hospitals, states, and systems in support of the trauma registry community that the TVA serves, and in support of national initiatives such as NTDS, ACS NTDB®, and ACS TQIP®.

The Vendor Validator™ toolkit is available to all trauma registry developers for supporting existing validator capabilities in their hospital, state, regional, and system registry solutions. The usage license for the Vendor Validator™ remains free, and the TVA requires only that each deployed site be registered for their no cost license. To make this registration process quick and easy for hospitals, systems, and states, the TVA has arranged for the Trauma Cloud™ to handle this process at no cost to the TVA or the trauma community. Registration on the Trauma Cloud™ does not entail the sharing of any patient data, nor obligate registrants in any way. It is simply a way for the TVA and Vendors to track usage so that on-going software updates to the Vendor Validator™ can be managed efficiently and accurately.

The Vendor Validator™ is the industry's only established data validation software tool that has been implemented on a national scale with a track record of support in leading products such as Collector™, V5™, NTRACS™, TraumaBase™, eTraumaBase™, and Trauma One™ since 2009. The Vendor Validator™ has support for all prior years of NTDS data formats, from 2009 through 2017. Future enhancements will include support for 2018 national standards, and a free toolkit for connecting trauma registry systems to real-time validation capabilities.

"Our users require on-going support of all of their legacy data, and use their trauma registry for many purposes beyond just national data submission. So, preserving the capability of handling prior years within the same product is very important to us", said Leon Bowman, President of Lancet Technology. Mr. Bowman went on, "We particularly like the feature of the Vendor Validator that allows new channels to be added. This will allow Lancet to avoid the extra costs of programming two Validators into our applications, since we already have a functioning interface with this one".

Jody Summers, TVA spokesperson and President of Clinical Data Management said, "Trauma registries of the future will need to share information more frequently, and we will need to validate and submit data closer and closer to real time to drive timely performance improvement. The ability for the Vendor Validator to support all of our current clients, yet also prepare our users for 'a more connected future' makes our choice of the Vendor Validator an obvious one. It was important to CDM that the TVA continue to make this capability available to everyone in the industry at no charge, and speaking for the TVA, we are committed to an innovative roadmap that will align with all coming national initiatives for 2018 and beyond."

The original architect of the Vendor Validator, John F. Kutcher, Ph.D., CEO of Digital Innovation, Inc. added "We designed the original Vendor Validator to support an unlimited amount of 'channels' similar to a TV set, so that Vendors could easily have their registries talk properly to each data dictionary they must support. The TVA will continue to take advantage of this innovative architecture, so when new requirements emerge, we need only drop in a new channel, vs. engaging in more costly engineering effort. This will help save costs and reduce our required response times for meeting new compliance requirements".

The Vendor Validator™ SDK will be made available on the Trauma Cloud™ distribution site on July 3, 2017. A series of free enhancements are planned and will be released throughout the next 18 months. These will include support for HL7 data exchange, EMS Trauma Data Linkage, 2018 National Data Dictionaries, Real-Time Validation Options, and more.

About the Trauma Vendor Alliance – The TVA is a public benefit corporation dedicated to providing free industry standards and tools that benefit the trauma registry community. Its mission is to help empower interoperability between the trauma registry and a wide variety of systems which must receive data from, or can supply data to, a trauma registry. The TVA sponsors an ongoing series of industry workgroups to create new standards and tools, and has a letter of support from leading vendors such as CDM, DI, and Lancet to support those open standards within their software applications. For more information visit www.TraumaVendorAlliance.org

About the Trauma Cloud – The Trauma Cloud is a free secure cloud base solution for helping trauma registry Vendors, States, and Systems provide software updates in a more standardized and streamlined manner. This is similar to how smart phone applications can be easily updated using an App Store. The Trauma Cloud™ is free, and serves as a junction box. There are many optional uses of the Trauma Cloud to help connect trauma registry systems to optional EMS data linkage feeds, and streamline the submission of data; however none of these features are required to register for the free Vendor Validator™. The Trauma Cloud is providing a free registration service to the TVA to help vendors ensure the latest validator updates can always be made available to hospitals, states, and systems. For more information visit www.TraumaCloud.com

About Clinical Data Management – CDM is a leading supplier of trauma registry solutions, including its flagship TraumaBase™ and eTraumaBase™ products, with a strong emphasis on clinical innovation, support, and performance improvement. CDM is a founding member of the Trauma Vendor Alliance and its president Jody Summers serves as the TVA spokesperson. For more information see www.c-d-m.com

About Digital Innovation, Inc. – DI is the nationwide leader in supplying hospital, state, and system trauma registry solutions. Its Collector™, V5™, NTRACS™, and DI Central Site™ products serve a majority of the nation's trauma centers; and have features that can allow EMS data linkage, visual analytics, and benchmarking of trauma data to power data-driven PI. DI is a strong proponent of systems interoperability, underpinning its commitment to the open, free standards of the TVA. For more information visit www.dicorp.com

About Lancet Technology – Lancet is a leading supplier of trauma registry solutions, with its Trauma One product line of Windows and Web-based trauma registry solutions. Lancet is a founding member of the TVA and an early adopter of linkage standards for EMS data exchange and real-time validation in a number of TVA workgroups.   For more information visit www.lancettecnology.com