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The Blue Sky family health team, which provides care to residents in and near North Bay, Ont., is using a new mobile application to provide secure access to medical information through patients' smart phones and other devices.

More than 100 patients are using the web-based Mihealth application, which runs on a secure application platform provided by Toronto-based Diversinet. The application reportedly works on more than 200 types of mobile devices.

Mihealth lets Blue Sky's patients create and update their health records, as verified by their physicians. These contain not only a summary of health-care information, including family history, diagnoses, allergies, medications and therapies, but also data about past and future appointments, treating physicians and lab reports.

Photo courtesy Diversinet

As such, the application can send appointment reminders, share prescriptions with caregivers and reduce unnecessary phone calls and office visits.

"Everyone involved in the pilot is excited about the improvements it is bringing," says Dr. Wendy Graham, one of the practice's lead physicians. "The overwhelmingly positive response prompted us to extend the trial to June 2010."

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GIS application honoured for sharing B.C. safety data

Emergency Management BC (EMBC) and GeoBC received an award of excellence earlier this month for developing the British Columbia Emergency Event Map Viewer (BCeMap) application using Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Canada's geographic information system (GIS) technology.

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TDSB connects classrooms

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is supporting the use of a new 'connected classroom' digital platform at Sir Adam Beck Junior Public School, comprising a variety of software and hardware technologies.

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Hydro-Quebec plans electric car test

Provincially owned electricity provider Hydro-Quebec is planning what will reportedly be Canada's largest all-electric vehicle pilot project to date, to be hosted by Boucherville, Que., beginning this fall.

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U of T installs LED-based street lights

The University of Toronto (U of T) is saving energy and reducing maintenance costs by lining the streets and promenades of its main campus with 100 new lanterns that use light-emitting diodes (LEDs) for ambient illumination.

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Alberta contracts desktop management services

Alberta has signed a seven-year information technology (IT) contract for the centralization and standardization of desktop management services for 24 government ministries in locations across the province.

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CASE STUDY

Case Study: Nova Scotia Department of Health

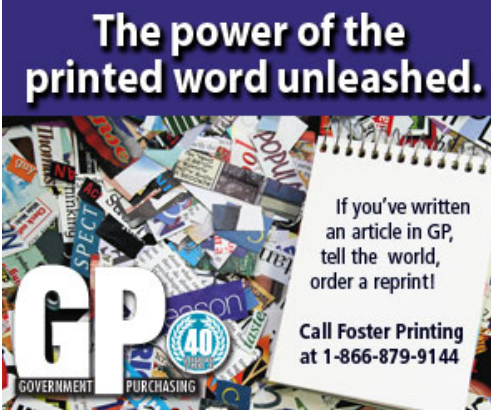


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In recent years, the Nova Scotia Department of Health (DoH) has identified a need to invest more in technology. In 2009, for example, a province-wide 'telecare' system was introduced to help support primary health care, improve the public's access to education and services and help patients cope with non-urgent problems.

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