



ANNOUNCEMENT									

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**Re:** Service Alert from MDS Pharma Services

### **MDS Pharma Services Earns Mortara Certification**

*Confirms that electronically submitted ECG data conforms to regulatory standards*

The Centralized Cardiac Services operation of MDS Pharma Services, a leading provider of innovative drug discovery and development solutions, announced that its Centralized Cardiac Services operation has been certified by Mortara Instruments for compliance with the digital standard for electronically submitting electrocardiogram (ECG) datasets to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The HL7 XML standard requires all such data to be uploaded to the ECG Warehouse for regulatory review of new drug applications.

The certification process confirms that datasets provided by MDS were correctly mapped, and validates sample annotated digital ECG files for data transfer. Data for submission to the FDA via the ECG Warehouse must first be validated for adherence to the HL7 XML standard.

MDS Pharma Services began offering central lab clinical trial testing services nearly 20 years ago in Toronto, Canada. Today, MDS Pharma Services is the third-largest supplier of central lab services, offering its clients method consistency and resource control at six MDS-owned and operated labs and three affiliate labs. The business's central lab network provides global support for both central laboratory and centralized ECG/Holter Services from facilities in the United States, Canada, Germany, France, Singapore, China, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico.