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## ICON Clinical Research Signs Technology Licensing Agreement with Medidata Solutions

### ***ICON becomes first global CRO certified to offer Medidata's industry leading RAVE system for electronic data capture and management of clinical study data***

**Dublin, Ireland, February 22, 2005** –ICON Clinical Research (a division of ICON plc) has expanded its electronic data capture capabilities through a new partnership agreement with global electronic data management company Medidata Solutions. ICON has become the first CRO certified to offer the Medidata RAVE system for electronic data management of clinical trials.

"At ICON, we have worked with and evaluated more than a dozen EDC systems," said ICON Senior Vice President of BioMetrics and Data Management Dr. Malcolm Burgess. "In our view Medidata RAVE has the most to offer our clients in terms of usability and scalability. We believe that having ICON staff certified to build and deploy EDC studies on Medidata's industry-recognized global platform will create significant competitive advantages for us and our clients."

Dr. Burgess notes that the ICON agreement with Medidata will allow ICON to offer more choices to clients and sponsors.

"At ICON, we try to determine the best data management approach for each client's needs," he explains. "Depending on the size and scope of the study, Oracle Clinical, DataFax, Opticon or ICON's IVRS system might actually be the optimal solution. But when EDC clearly is the best choice, we believe Medidata RAVE provides ICON with an excellent solution. "

Tarek Sherif, CEO of Medidata Solutions commented, "One of the most exciting aspects of this partnership is that user input from ICON sites will help Medidata to continuously improve our product, while simultaneously allowing us to expand our footprint in the industry."

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