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## **MICHIGAN HEART EMBRACES PATIENT PORTAL TECHNOLOGY**

### **Offering Intuit Health’s patient-to-provider solutions makes secure online communication convenient for patients**

**Ann Arbor, MI** – August 24, 2010– From the comfort of their home and on their own time, [Michigan Heart's](#) 66,000 patients can now communicate with their doctor securely and easily through an innovative self-service online communication solution from [Intuit Health](#). By offering a patient portal from Intuit Health, the industry leader of patient-to-provider solutions, Michigan Heart patients are now able to pre-register, request appointments or prescription renewals, or simply ask their nurse a question right from the Michigan Heart website.

“Having the paperwork completed in advance of their appointment keeps our patients from going to their appointment a half-hour early just to fill out paperwork,” said Mark Fairless, chief financial officer of Michigan Heart, a 35-provider, full-service cardiology practice with eight locations in the Ann Arbor area. “It makes the appointment process much smoother.”

Michigan Heart also uses Intuit Health’s referral portal to make it easier for practices to send and receive physician referrals electronically. Fairless stated that many referring physicians and practices in the area are using the portal successfully, and stressed the importance of Michigan Heart joining that community of users.

Intuit Health’s patient-to-provider communication solutions extend the value of an electronic health record to give patients timely electronic access to their health information, and will help providers qualify for the final federal regulations for Meaningful Use. “Certainly qualifying for this federal funding is important to us, but the improved communication with patients and office efficiencies that a portal enables is even more critical,” said Fairless. “Neither of these outcomes would be possible without Intuit Health’s solution.”

Americans increasingly want online assistance for their healthcare needs. A 2010 Intuit Health survey showed that 72 percent of respondents between the ages 18-65 would use an online tool that would help them pay their medical bills, communicate with their doctor more easily, make appointments and get

lab results. Eighty-four percent said they would complete their medical forms online before their doctor's appointment if they had that option.

For more information about Intuit Health provider-patient solutions, please visit

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### **About Michigan Heart**

[Michigan Heart](http://www.michiganheart.com) is a leader in comprehensive cardiovascular care - setting the standard for excellence, providing the highest quality care with outstanding results by promoting the most professional, thorough and cost-conscious approach to patient care. Affiliated with trusted and renowned hospital systems, Michigan Heart has been serving the community for over forty years and is recognized, respected and sought on a national level. For more information, please visit [www.michiganheart.com](http://www.michiganheart.com).

### **About Intuit Health**

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