



Rowlands to use Rx Systems' Proscript and Head Office applications

Rowlands Pharmacies have been assessing the new Rx Systems' Proscript Dispensary management and Head Office systems in some of their retail pharmacies and, as a result have now decided to install them into all their pharmacies.

The installation of the Proscript system will commence this month and it is hoped that the roll-out will have been completed by November.

As a result of this commitment, and the fact that Phoenix owns a stake in Rx Systems Ltd, Paul Smith, managing director of Rowlands Retail and a main board Phoenix director has also joined the board of Rx Systems.

"We found that Rx Systems' Proscript and Head Office applications met both our commercial and professional needs," commented Paul Smith. "This new system allows compliance with the new pharmacy contracts and NPfIT/SEHD specifications which would have to be incorporated into the programme. The new system is simple for our branch staff to use and it will help to improve head office reporting of this and all the other essential information that we shall require."

"Having operated a DOS application in our pharmacies for many years and now, having evaluated the Rx System, we feel that it will be far more efficient and flexible. It is important that we have a competent and focussed IT partner."

Now that Rowlands has evaluated and approved the Rx System, Phoenix will also be recommending it to its customers.

"Whilst it will not be exclusive to Phoenix customers, it will become our recommended system," said Phoenix ceo David Cole. "We will ensure that our internal IT system and Proscript are fully compatible and it will interface with our internet developments.

"A unique offer will be available for Phoenix customers and we hope to have test sites running in August, with the system widely available from October."

Proscript – Microsoft Windows based pharmacy software, which combines advanced features with a user friendly look and feel.

ProManager – a head office system facilitates the extraction and analysis of date from the branches of a pharmacy chain, whilst at the same time ensuring that ordering and endorsing/dispensing policies can be set centrally.

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