

# Chart Links Customer to Speak at 2008 ASHA Convention Regarding Speech Therapy Software

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New Haven, CT (PRWEB) November 18, 2008 – Chart Links, LLC a provider of therapy documentation software, announces that Ann Kummer, PhD, CCC-SLP, ASHA-F, will speak at the 2008 Annual American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention on November 22, 2008 in Chicago, IL from 8-9am. The presentation, entitled "It's Not IF You'll Computerize, It's WHEN and HOW," will cover 10 things that speech-language pathology (SLP) clinics should consider when evaluating speech therapy software to automate their documentation and administration. Dr. Kummer is the Senior Director of Speech Pathology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) and Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

"More than a decade ago, we embarked upon a mission to reduce the documentation and administrative demands within our organization," says Dr. Kummer, Senior Director of Speech Pathology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. "Today, we leverage information technology to automate our processes, streamline workflow, reduce billing errors, increase coding compliance, and improve the quality, consistency and turn-around time of our documentation."

In 1995, Dr. Kummer chose Chart Links Rehab Software to meet the unique documentation needs of a speech pathology department that couldn't be met with a generic clinical documentation or electronic medical records system. Within a year of launching the system, the Speech Pathology Department at Cincinnati Children's started realizing the benefits of automation, which included:

- 1-2 hours of increased billed time per week per full-time equivalent therapist
- Increased reimbursement resulting from consistent processes
- Decreased support staff costs
- Improved net revenues
- Improved staff and patient satisfaction

The cost reductions in computerizing the documentation and administrative processes continue to deliver a financial return to the organization each year.

To learn more about Chart Links' Rehab Software, visit booth #962 at the American Speech-Language-Pathology Association (ASHA) Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois on November 20-22, 2008, call 888.369.0707, or visit our website.

## **About Chart Links, LLC**

For 14 years, Chart Links has developed rehab software that automates workflow for therapy referrals, insurance authorizations, therapy scheduling, therapy documentation, therapy billing, and more. Chart Links allows medical rehabilitation facilities to be more efficient and to provide a higher quality of care by delivering results in the areas of compliance, outcomes, analytics, marketing and reimbursement analysis. <http://www.chartlinks.com?source=prweb>

## **About Ann Kummer**

Ann Kummer, PhD, CCC-SLP, ASHA-F, is the Senior Director of Speech Pathology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. Dr. Kummer's department has been computerized with Chart Links Rehab Software since 1995. She is the author of *Business Practices: A Guide for Speech-Language Pathologists* published by ASHA.

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