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**Hospital IT Staffing Shortages And CIO Pain Points Addressed, Solutions Proposed,
During CHIME11 Focus Group**

Stoltenberg Consulting, Inc. to lead conversation with hospital CIO audience

Pittsburgh, PA, October 19, 2011 – [Stoltenberg Consulting, Inc.](http://www.stoltenberg.com/default.aspx), a leading healthcare information technology consulting firm, will lead a focus group on Oct. 27 during next week's [CHIME11 Fall CIO Forum](http://www.cio-chime.org/chime11/index.asp) in San Antonio, Tex., to discuss the increasing shortage of healthcare IT professionals and explore what hospitals can do to remain competitive for IT resources. The focus group – “Train to Win – Another Step Further” – will examine the issues around IT staffing obstacles and the pain points hospitals are experiencing as they prepare to achieve meaningful use requirements and other industry- and government-mandated standards.

This is the second year in a row that Stoltenberg has led a focus group on this topic. Stoltenberg is using the feedback and insight from the participants to help develop protocols and initiatives aimed at alleviating the pressure felt by hospitals that are trying to train, educate and staff IT teams while aggressively implementing new IT systems and standards.

“With IT staff shortages and meaningful use deadlines looming, innovation is the key to solving some of the headaches being felt by the hospital C-Suite,” said Sheri Stoltenberg, CEO of Stoltenberg Consulting. “As consultants, we fully understand these obstacles and are actively exploring ways to optimize resources, training and personnel that make hospital executives’ lives easier.”

Professionals attending the focus group session can expect a two-way dialogue on these issues, as the session is designed for pitching ideas, educating participants and sharing experiences. A 1.5 continuing education unit (CEU) will also be offered upon completion of the focus group session

In addition to several CHIME Foundation Focus Groups, attendees can also earn up to one CEU credit for specific sessions during the conference, including track sessions and keynote sessions. Other events will take place during the conference, including an annual golf outing, networking luncheon and dinners and sightseeing in San Antonio.

For additional information on CHIME11, including schedule overview and registration information, visit: <http://www.cio-chime.org/chime11/index.asp>

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The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) is an executive organization dedicated to serving chief information officers and other senior healthcare IT leaders. With more than 1,400 CIO members and over 70 healthcare IT vendors and professional services firms, CHIME provides a highly interactive, trusted environment enabling senior professional and industry leaders to collaborate; exchange best practices; address professional development needs; and advocate the effective use of information management to improve the health and healthcare in the communities they serve. For more information, please visit www.cio-chime.org.

About Stoltenberg Consulting

Founded in 1995, Pittsburgh-based Stoltenberg Consulting Inc. creates an environment for success by working with health care organizations to provide a variety of services including project management, implementation support and integration between systems. Members of the Stoltenberg Consulting team are consultants with extensive experience in both financial and clinical systems, averaging more than 15 years of direct on-site hospital experience. Stoltenberg Consulting has grown rapidly to serve a client base of more than 100 preeminent healthcare organizations throughout the United States providing services for Siemens, McKesson, GE, Meditech, Epic, Cerner, Nextgen, Allscripts and Zynx customers. For more information call 1-888-724-1326 or visit www.stoltenberg.com.

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