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## **WEBSCHEDULER RELEASES SURGICAL GROUP SCHEDULER SGS-35, A CALENDARING/SCHEDULING SOFTWARE SUITE FOR MEDICAL GROUPS**

August 20, 2002 - WebScheduler LLC (<http://webscheduler.net>) is pleased to announce the release of ***Surgical Group Scheduler*** (SGS-35), a Web and PDA-enabled, dynamic, calendaring suite for surgeons in private group practice. SGS-35 was created for managers and administrators of surgical groups whose practice environments require accurate and robust communication for patient consults, surgeries and clinic schedules, rounding lists, Surgeon and PA call schedules, tumor conferences, meetings and personal time-off. Leslie Dailey RN, a nurse scheduler for one of 6 surgeons at the main office of Birmingham Surgical PC in Birmingham AL uses ***Surgical Group Scheduler***, and says, "*WebScheduler is just about perfect!*".

A new customer's SGS-35 implementation requires minimal custom programming due to the Company's modular design strategy, and the numerous user customizable features available at setup. Surgical Group managers can [start a seeded trial Calendar](#) at the WebScheduler web site. A powerful SGS-35 trial feature enables visitors to explore the full capabilities of the Calendar through sample events and reports, and then easily convert the seeded trial to the group's own secure Calendar. To establish the Calendar for the practice, simply add the group's surgeons, PA's, nurse schedulers, locations and procedures to the database, and then delete the sample events. Conveniently, nurse schedulers can begin immediately to create, manage and report on a surgeon's entire schedule with this 30 day free trial WebScheduler Calendar.

SGS-35 combines proven WebScheduler calendar/scheduler core technology with Group Surgical Practice elements including:

**Surgery Scheduler:** Provides dynamic patient surgery scheduling. This should not be confused with appointment booking. SGS-35 provides a graphical interface (GUI) that displays and reports on all surgeries scheduled, including patient name, location, procedure, time, insurer, assistant(s), In/Out patient status, and patient pre-certification numbers for each surgeon in the practice. An individual surgeon may see patients at 9 or 10 different locations. Each nurse scheduler in the group can manage all aspects of her surgeon's daily schedule from any Internet-connected PC or PDA. Email back up is automatic for all add/modify/delete postings made to the Calendar. Custom reporting both dynamically from the Calendar, or exported to an Excel "Daily Report" is included.

**Rounding List:** Surgeons On Call make post-surgery hospital rounds to care for patients during recovery, possibly visiting patients in several hospitals. The Rounding List displays the patient's name, procedure, room number and surgery date for every patient on the group's hospital list. Patient data is moved easily from the surgery schedule to the Rounding List simply by checking a box and adding a location/room number. SGS-35 supports the tracking of consults and courtesy rounds.

**Call Schedule:** SGS-35 manages, displays and reports on the individual's and group's multi-level call schedule. CallScheduler is engineered to conform to the group's standard rules used to grant requests for creating and modifying (swapping) call within a call group.

**Tumor Conferences/Meetings:** SGS-35 supports outside users such as a Medical Affairs staff scheduler, for the specific purpose of posting a request directly to the Calendar to schedule tumor conferences, and other meetings.

**Vacation/Time Off Scheduler:** Enables surgeons to post vacation/time off requests to the Calendar. SGS-35 may be programmed to conform to the group's published rules used to grant vacation/time off within that practice.

WebScheduler LLC is a start-up software development company whose mission it is to provide innovative, high productivity scheduling and calendaring services using the ASP (Application Service Provider) model. The company's proprietary products and Web-based distribution channels are designed to provide an alternative to costly phone and fax communications for the increasingly mobile work force in the U.S. and Europe. CEO, Allen Kent remarked, "Surgical Group Scheduler enables powerful communications between surgeons and their nurses, freeing up the nurse scheduler for patient care duties, and returning significant savings to the practice." Launched in 1998, WebScheduler LLC initially enabled the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals' Northern California Region to communicate service requests through an Internet connection directly to an outside vendor providing contract surgical services. Currently thousands of critical scheduling transactions are posted each month on WebScheduler Calendars.

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