


Nuance Releases Version 10 of Dragon Medical Speech Recognition Software

David Williams has a podcast/transcribed interview with Nuance Communications' Keith Belton on the new release of Dragon Medical. Here's the pertinent information straight from the interview:

- 1. allows physicians to navigate their EMR via speech command and to dictate anywhere in the EMR*
- 2. 20 percent more accurate out of the box than Dragon Medical 9*
- 3. first industrial strength version that allows a chief information officer to install it and deploy it enterprise-wide across hospitals and clinics*
- 4. medical vocabularies that cover almost 80 specialties*
- 5. listens to the speech of non-native speakers and automatically loads one of eight region-specific language accent models*
- 6. new medical abbreviations wizard that presents a list of common specialty abbreviations and follows the Joint Commission guidelines on approved and unapproved expansions of abbreviations*
- 7. can create text-based macros and text-based templates with personal variability*

The list price of version 10 of Dragon Medical is \$1599 per physician. The 18% annual maintenance fee includes upgrades. **Here's the original release notice from the Nuance website.**

There remains a **huge controversy** over the fact that Dragon Naturally Speaking Version 10 (different from the Dragon Medical product) no longer works with EMR packages. At  about \$200, Version 9 of Dragon Naturally Speaking was the

choice of many physicians using EMR.