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Medcan Launches Most Comprehensive Personal Genomics Program In Canada

Life-Changing DNA Insights Will Help Patients Prevent Disease

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TORONTO, July 23 /CNW/ - The Medcan Clinic today announced a strategic alliance with Navigenics(R), a leading personal genomics company, to integrate preventive genomic medicine into Medcan's clinical practice.

Medcan is the only clinic in Canada to offer Navigenics(R) personalized genetic testing services in conjunction with in-person counselling by a certified Genetic Counsellor. By combining a patient's genetic risk profile with family history, Medcan gives a more complete picture, arming patients with powerful information to take personalized preventive steps.

"Personal genetic testing is an emerging field and the science is evolving," said Dr. James Aw, Medcan's Medical Director. "Interpretation of results requires expertise. Medcan is pleased to offer this leading-edge service as an important component of a preventive healthcare strategy for our clients. We will continue to enhance the program as the field evolves."

Using a simple saliva test, Medcan's Personal Genome Testing looks at variations in patients' DNA and provides information about their genetic predisposition for a variety of important health conditions, such as breast cancer, colon cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and type 2 diabetes. Medcan only tests for genetic risks that are clinically actionable, allowing patients to lower their risk through prevention strategies and more personalized screening. The patient's results are held on a secure web portal that provides personalized updates, adding new condition predispositions, new markers, and new clinical and wellness strategies.

"Medcan is a national leader in bringing preventive healthcare to the lives of Canadians," said Vance Vanier, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of Navigenics(R). "By enhancing their genetics program with Navigenics personalized genetic testing, Medcan continues to set the standard in patient care focused on prevention and innovative healthcare strategies."

About Medcan:

The Medcan Clinic is a leading preventive healthcare clinic focused on identifying health risks before signs and symptoms occur. Medcan offers individuals, families and corporate executives the most thorough head-to-toe medical assessment on the market, performed by a top-quality clinical team in a single 5 hour visit. Medcan also provides an array of in-house health and wellness services, such as diagnostic imaging, genetics, optometry, fitness and nutritional counselling, to customize patients' medical care and optimize healthy outcomes. Patients benefit from Medcan's in-house specialists and extensive referral network.

About Navigenics:

Navigenics is a privately held company based in Northern California. The company was founded by David Agus, M.D., and Dietrich Stephan, Ph.D., with the goal of improving health outcomes across the population. Navigenics educates and empowers individuals and their physicians with knowledge of their genetic predispositions, motivating them to act on the information to prevent the

onset of disease, achieve earlier diagnosis, appropriately manage disease, or otherwise lessen its impact. Navigenics' lead investors are Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers, Sequoia Capital, and MDV-Mohr Davidow Ventures. More information is found at www.navigenics.com.

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