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TextAloud Speaks Critical Reports to Medical Transcriptionist for Audio Proofing and Review

Leading Text to Speech software helps Medical Transcriptionist Pam Skoutelas to review and proof her medical transcription reports with spoken audio

CLEMMONS, NC – The Medical field requires precision from its professionals, so accuracy in transcribing physicians’ voice recordings is a vital part of that process. To assist her in proofing and reviewing her work of this kind, Medical Transcriptionist Pam Skoutelas turns to *TextAloud*, the Text to Speech software from **NextUp.com**.

As a Pennsylvania medical transcriptionist, Pam has the daunting task of taking the voice recordings of physicians or other health professionals, and then converting them into written reports. Despite the challenges of transcribing a doctor’s commentary that may occasionally be indistinct or hurried, accuracy is vital. Pam therefore turned to *TextAloud* over six years ago, after seeking a resource that would enable her to review, proof and edit her medical transcriptions for errors in a step that went beyond visual reading – and she’s been using it ever since.

TextAloud is priced from \$29.95, and provides an easy and affordable way to convert written text of almost any kind, to pleasant, realistic-sounding computer speech -- from websites and e-mails to articles, documents and more. The software also easily exports that spoken text to audio files that can be listened to on the iPod[®], Kindle Fire[®], iPhone[®], tablet, MP3 player, and most other popular portable devices.

While popular for study or entertainment, as well as with the visually and learning-disabled communities, *TextAloud* has also become increasingly popular as a proofing aid, an invaluable final step in the review process. “I have trouble editing my own work by just reading it,” Pam comments, “so I use *TextAloud* to read everything back to me.” By listening to the text of her final reports using *TextAloud*, she is able to ensure that her work remains error-free.

Pam was surprised and especially pleased at the software's ability to handle text that went beyond standard vocabulary expressions and into the often complex language of the medical profession she works with every day. "Surprisingly, *TextAloud* is able to read the medical terminology pretty well," she adds.

However, Pam's favorite *TextAloud* features are its Hotkeys – customizable keyboard shortcuts which enable her to accomplish specific tasks quickly and easily. "I have Hotkeys set up to stop and start reading aloud to me even when I'm in other programs," she comments. "I like that all I have to do is highlight the text and hit my Hotkeys and it starts reading! I don't even have to cut and paste the articles into the *TextAloud* program itself."

Once she clicks her Hotkeys, *TextAloud* reads Pam's medical transcriptions back to her from within the documents themselves as she follows along, helping her to identify typos, errors or missing information, and offering a vocal quality that keeps her engaged and attentive to every detail.

"The voice quality is important in helping me listen," she comments. "Since I use it everyday, I need to have a voice that actually sounds interesting, so I recommend that you choose a voice you like that sounds pleasant." Pam's listening preference is for a female, U.S. English voice from among *TextAloud*'s many optional Premium Voices available for purchase and download. "It was worth it to get a voice I liked," she comments. "It makes the listening process easier and ensures that I keep my focus on editing."

TextAloud is now a regular part of Pam's work routine and proofing method, enabling her to edit her work more easily, and to feel confident that everything is correct each time she completes a new transcription. "I depend on it to help me review all of my reports," she adds. "I use it every day, and wouldn't want to be without it!"

About TextAloud

With more personalization options than ever before, **TextAloud** is the highly useful PC program for students, scientists, writers, business users, students and people from all walks of life. *TextAloud* enables anyone to experience their reading by listening, and has been featured in *The New York Times*, *PC Magazine*, *Writer's Digest*, on CNN, and more. *TextAloud* has become so popular as a supportive assistive technology in its own right with the learning and visually disabled, among others, that it recently achieved a da Vinci award[®] nomination in 2011.

Hailed by critics and users alike, *TextAloud* is priced from \$29.95. System requirements include almost any version of Windows[®] (from 98 to Me, NT, 2000, XP, Vista or Windows 8), as well as a minimum of 64 MB of RAM, 10 MB of disk space, and a sound card. *TextAloud* even works seamlessly with iTunes[®], for easy synchronizing with iPod[®], iPhone[®], or other iTunes[®]-compatible portable audio players, and unlike many highly expensive gadgets or eReaders, *TextAloud* doesn't require special hardware of any kind.

NextUp.com also offers *TextAloud* with optional Premium Voices from **Nuance RealSpeak™**, **AT&T Natural Voices™**, **Acapela®** and **Cepstral®** for the most natural-sounding computer speech anywhere. Available languages include U.S. English, U.K. English, Indian-Accent English, Scottish-Accent English, Arabic, Basque, Catalan, Cantonese Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Belgian Dutch, Faroese, Finnish, French, Canadian French, German, Greek, Hindi, Icelandic, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Brazilian Portuguese, European Portuguese, Russian, Castilian (European) Spanish, Latin American Spanish, Mexican Spanish, Swedish, Taiwanese, and Turkish.

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About NextUp.com

NextUp.com, a division of NextUp Technologies, LLC, provides award-winning Text to Speech software for consumers, professionals, businesses, educators, and those with visual or vocal impairment, or learning disabilities.

In addition to *TextAloud*, NextUp.com markets other innovative Windows® software designed to save time and deliver vital information. NextUp *Talker* is an easy and affordable program that enables people who have lost their voices to use the latest in high-quality computer voices to communicate aloud with others.

Evaluation copies of *TextAloud* are available for the media upon request. For more information on NextUp.com or *TextAloud*, or for a rich assortment of case studies involving users ranging from firefighters and lawyers, to writers, editors, teachers, actors, students, entrepreneurs, doctors, truck drivers, musicians, and more, please contact publicist Angela Mitchell at **(904) 982-8043** or via Admitchell@Nextup.com.

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TextAloud is the easy, affordable and highly useful PC program that turns text into natural-sounding speech for listening on the computer, whether for entertainment, or as a valuable proofing tool, and which can also be exported to audio files for taking on-the-go!