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Software could be what the doctor ordered

Doctations, a Garden City software company formed in 2005 by several Long Island physicians, could pose some competition for Google, the Internet search engine.

Dr. Lou Cornacchia, president and chief executive of Doctations, said the company's software "allows physicians to run their entire practice" online. The company produces software that lets patients schedule their medical appointments and doctors access medical records by computer.

"It allows doctors working in different practices anywhere in the world to share patient information like medication lists, allergies and immunizations, with the patients' permission," Cornacchia said.

He said developing the software has been complicated and took about 10 years — so far 30 local doctors are using it.

"We're just now commercializing it," Cornacchia added. "We are partnering with medical billing and transcription



services to provide those services through our software."

Last week, Google announced it is collaborating with Ohio's Cleveland Clinic on a pilot program that will allow patients to move parts of their medical records online — from one doctor to another.

The base fee that doctors pay for the Doctations service is \$35 a month, but add-ons can boost that to about \$50, Cornacchia said.