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St. Joseph's Healthcare System Selects INFINITT PACS



St. Joseph's Healthcare System, a 651-bed academic tertiary medical center and state designated trauma center based in Paterson, New Jersey, recently awarded INFINITT North America a multi-year contract for an enterprise-wide PACS. St. Joseph's offers a full range of diagnostic imaging tests and procedures, performing over 500,000 imaging exams each year in its Paterson, Wayne and Clifton, NJ locations.

"Although INFINITT enjoys great success in large, academic institutions globally, this is the first in the United States," said David Smarro, INFINITT North America's President and CEO. "We look forward to demonstrating the scalability of our PACS solution with the latest blade and virtualization technologies in an implementation of this size here in the States."

"Our selection of INFINITT North America as our strategic PACS partner started when our radiologists identified the solution as 'one of the best clinical systems that they have ever used'".

- Jim Cavanagh, Vice President and CIO
St. Joseph's Healthcare System

"We went through a rigorous process of reviewing the product, as well as INFINITT North America as a company, to ensure that the decision would provide the best solution for St. Joseph's. The technology solution is sound and we are excited about moving forward with this important project," Jim Cavanagh remarked.

Hot Topic at Annual HIMSS Conference: Stimulus Money for EMRs

More than 27,000 Health IT professionals came together at the 2009 Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition held in Chicago, IL, this year, to attend educational sessions and learn about new IT solutions and applications.

Eleven of those sessions addressed provisions of the new economic stimulus legislation, with Executive Vice President of HIMSS, Carla Smith, calling it "the most impactful legislation to the healthcare industry since HIPAA."



Photograph by Steven Soltys

HIMSS Healthcare Information Exchange (HIE) stakeholders believe incentives and penalties outlined by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will accelerate network development, and increase adoption of electronic medical records.

For clarification, **Electronic Medical Record (EMR)** is the electronic, legal record of an individual's health-related information managed by a single organization (hospital, clinic or other ambulatory environment). The **Electronic Health Record (EHR)** is the longitudinal record of an individual's health-related information amassed cumulatively across more than one healthcare organization. EMRs are the data source for EHRs.



Clifton-Fine Hospital: Surrounded by wilderness, but connected where it counts



When heading out to a region with deep forests, pristine lakes and rivers, and beautiful mountains -- whether it's to live there or to vacation -- the last thing you want to think about is a medical emergency. But it's reassuring to know that a well-equipped hospital is there if you need it.

Clifton-Fine Hospital is a small, rural critical access hospital located in Star Lake, NY, within the six-million acre Adirondack Park. Clifton-Fine has 20 licensed beds, with four physicians specializing in Emergency Medicine and 2 family physicians on staff. The hospital provides inpatient acute care, long-term care, a 24 hour/7 days a week emergency department, and medical imaging and lab services.

Last year, Clifton-Fine sought a teleradiology solution that would enable them to send patients' images to a radiology group 40 miles away. Because they were small and their location made travel inconvenient, most vendors wouldn't give them the time of day.

INFINITT North America did respond, and in the words of Patrick Gaurin, Administrative Director of Clifton-Fine Hospital, "bent over backwards to provide a solution that met our needs". The company implemented **INFINITT Smart-NET PACS**, a web-based, hosted solution that enables the hospital to send and access images anytime, anywhere; to reduce film storage and transportation hassles; and to pay on a per-study basis that costs them less than the cost of film alone.

According to Gaurin, the greatest benefit of the INFINITT Smart-NET PACS has been shorter turnaround times.

"Before implementing the INFINITT Smart-NET PACS, it took 48 hours from the time the exam was completed to getting back a diagnosis. Now that we're sending the images digitally, turnaround time is down to an hour and a half, and our ED can get a preliminary read within minutes."

- Patrick Gaurin, Administrative Director
Clifton-Fine Hospital

Gaurin said that he has used other PACS systems, and finds the INFINITT viewer to be more user-friendly. They will soon be upgrading their Ultrasound equipment, and adding that to the PACS network.

Chris Ryu: Part of the Core in "Core Competency"

Chris Ryu joined INFINITT North America in October, 2005. He came to INFINITT with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and four years' experience in Help Desk support in a corporate setting. His official title at INFINITT is Technical Support Representative, but Chris emphasizes that the technical part is more hardware than applications.

His work involves setting up or replacing PACS servers or working on server backups, upgrades, and system recovery. He goes to customer sites when a major upgrade is required, and can do routine upgrades by logging in remotely.

He talks enthusiastically about blade server and virtualization technologies that are transforming healthcare IT. INFINITT utilizes these advanced technologies to provide a highly available and resilient computing environment that offers greater flexibility and efficiency, both in terms of energy and physical space.

"The virtual environment is more self-contained, requires less maintenance and cooling, and permits faster system recovery," says Chris.

When asked what he likes most about working for INFINITT, he says that he really enjoys the learning opportunities, the chance to expand his skill and knowledge base in directions that interest him. He credits his co-workers and bosses, William Lee and David Smarro, with being open and willing to share their knowledge and expertise.



INFINITT Announces Raffle Winners

INFINITT North America has had a busy spring with three trade shows so far this year and the American Association of Orthopaedic Executives (AAOE) meeting coming up at the beginning of May. As a way of thanking those who visit us for product demonstrations at trade shows, INFINITT has raffled a Wii system at both AAOS and HIMSS.



L to R: INFINITT's Steve Mahoney, Dr. Chilas,
and John Provencal from Associated X-Ray

The winner of the AAOS raffle was Dr. Christopher Chilas of Orthopedic Associates in Cranston, RI, and the winner at HIMSS was Bill McQuaid, IT Director at Parkview Adventist Medical Center in Brunswick, ME.



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