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At HIMSS16, Agfa HealthCare Visualizes the Future of Healthcare as Enterprise Imaging

Enterprise Imaging empowers image information management via a single platform, leveraging EHR investment and resource allocation

- Agfa HealthCare Enterprise Imaging's single platform consists of modules designed to optimize the EHR to support strategic initiatives for population health management, value-based care, and risk sharing - Agfa HealthCare ECM[1] brings together generic and clinical content management, process and business management, as well as document management workflows specifically designed for the clinical environment - Agfa HealthCare Enterprise Imaging provides consistent alignment with the HIMSS Health IT Value STEPS™, meeting the challenges of today's enterprise-wide economic and quality care imperatives.

(HIMSS16, Booth #2647) With 2016 poised to be the "Year of Enterprise Imaging," Agfa HealthCare is showcasing its innovative, convergence approach during HIMSS16 as hospitals and health systems seek fresh approaches to reduce unnecessary costs and improve outcomes. By empowering image information management with a single, converged platform, Agfa HealthCare Enterprise Imaging supports efficient collaborative practice across the continuum of care as underutilized medical images evolve into a strategic asset of the organization.

Agfa HealthCare's Enterprise Imaging and Enterprise Content Management (ECM) platforms will be on display at the HIMSS16 Annual Conference & Exhibition, March 1 – 3, 2016 in Las Vegas.

Agfa HealthCare's Enterprise Imaging is designed in modular services to anticipate the needs of greater healthcare systems: from department image acquisition workflows through interoperability of disparate systems, to clinical decision drivers and patient experience enhancement. Developed as a care-centric, standards-based workflow platform, Agfa HealthCare Enterprise Imaging improves interoperability and enables hospital groups, Integrated Delivery Networks (IDNs), and public/private health information exchanges (HIEs) to create and efficiently share unified patient records containing both images and textual information within the EHR.

"Throughout Agfa HealthCare, we are committed to delivering innovative solutions that anticipate changing IT demands and provide interoperable imaging workflow, applications, and services that support technology investments today and in the long term," stated Bill Corsten, Regional President, Agfa HealthCare. "As we visualize the future of healthcare, we see 2016 as the 'Year of Enterprise Imaging.' We are committed to supporting our customers' delivery of quality care with Enterprise Imaging services that empower physicians to make informed decisions through multi-specialty collaboration, utilizing secure access to a single comprehensive patient imaging record, thereby advancing improved patient care and streamlined costs."

2016: The year of Enterprise Imaging
Agfa HealthCare Enterprise Imaging is designed to offer hospitals and networks a long-term, value-based solution that aligns with their EHR strategy by enabling multi-disciplines, including Cardiology, Radiology, Ophthalmology, and Gastroenterology, to work and collaborate within the same consolidated platform. Via its open APIs and deep commitment to industry standards, Agfa HealthCare Enterprise Imaging can replace departmental silos, potentially reducing cost, complexity, and the need for multiple integrations. The result: Hospitals and health systems have the opportunity to realize monetary savings in hardware and license fees, security risk mitigation, and greater collaboration across the enterprise.

Workflows for images and documents
Agfa HealthCare's ECM is designed as a unique solution bringing together generic content management, clinical content management, process management, long-term archiving, business management and document management workflows, specific functionalities and a special design for the clinical environment. Thanks to its standard-based architecture for Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) environments and many interfaces – also designed especially for the medical environment – the Agfa HealthCare ECM offers comprehensive interoperability with IT systems in general, and all kinds of clinical information systems in particular. Its integrated scanning modules help organizations to be paperless, by integrating paper documents in their IT environments.

James Jay, Global Vice President, Imaging IT, Agfa HealthCare stated, "By empowering image information management with a converged platform, Agfa HealthCare is disrupting the departmental PACS and VNA world to meet the challenges of today's greater enterprise-wide economic and quality care imperatives. Our goal is to connect visual information with the caregivers who need it – advancing the right care for the right patient, at the right investment."

With its compliance to the IHE-XDS framework, Agfa HealthCare ECM is ready for regional health projects.

Envision the future of care – integrated care Portal
Recently launched, Agfa HealthCare's Portal is designed to give a patient-centric overview of patient information from different sources, to

different stakeholders in the patient’s care, whether inside or outside the hospital. With the Portal, everyone involved in a patient's care - physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, home care providers, the patients themselves - have easy and quick access to all of the patient's health information. The 'patient view' functionality allows patients to both download and upload their own health information, while the 'clinical view' gives physicians access to aggregated patient health data, for more informed decision making along the patient care continuum. By department or for the whole enterprise, the Portal can be integrated on top of Agfa HealthCare’s Enterprise Imaging or health management systems such as ORBIS®[2] and ECM.

[1] Agfa HealthCare ECM is not available in the U.S.
[2]ORBIS® is not available in the U.S. and Canada.

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