

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Agfa HealthCare**

**Modernizing hospital IT with active patient involvement**

**The future of clinic information systems is modular, the basic technology web-based, and the patient is no longer just an object of documentation, but is instead an active subject in a digitally integrated care scenario. At Agfa HealthCare this transformation of clinic IT is not only spelt out but is being applied in practice, according to Winfried Post, General Manager and CEO DACH (Germany, Austria, Switzerland). Visitors of DMEA 2019 will be able to see this for themselves.**

*One year ago Agfa HealthCare provided the first insights into its new HIS platform, which is now being launched commercially in a number of stages. What is the current situation?*

Last year saw the successful commercial introduction of our hospital information system ORBIS HIS using new U technology, and we will be systematically continuing this development in 2019 and beyond. We are talking about a completely new, highly modular web- and cloud-based technology, which we are introducing onto the market in a number of stages. This is not a 'big bang' installation, but one that allows our customers to progressively transfer, so to speak module by module, application by application, to the new technology platform. With more than 950 ORBIS customers in Europe, and no fewer than 870 in the DACH region alone, this is the only possible way.

*What new ORBIS applications based on U technology can we actually expect to see at DMEA 2019?*

One is the new resource management, a planning tool that enables hospitals, within ORBIS, to automatically plan important resources that are required during the course of a patient's stay, such as operating theatres, operators, beds or large-scale equipment. We will soon be going live with this tool with our first customer. The new group of products, ORBIS Nursing, is of major importance in documenting nursing care and planning nursing processes. We provided some initial insights a year ago, and this group of products is now complete and can be supplied in its entirety. This is highly relevant because we have between 600 and 700 customers using the existing application, who can now migrate to the new technology. Closely linked with this is the

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ORBIS patient graph, which is now almost complete and can replace the existing temperature graph.

*What is the situation with regard to the departmental systems and mobile applications?*

These are also being systematically transferred to U technology or are being developed directly there. With ORBIS RIS, which is being featured at the DMEA 2019, we are presenting the first large departmental information system using this highly innovative new technology. It is supplemented by our Order Manager, which is currently confined to radiology, and which is also completely web-based. In the future it will also be deployed in other areas apart from radiology. And under the heading of Mobility we are presenting the ORBIS Info App, based on U technology and intended for physicians and nursing staff. This encompasses important HIS functions such as the display of medical findings. This app is currently in pilot stage with a number of major customers.

*Independent of the new platform: what other products are your developers concerned with?*

A digital patient signature on a handheld device is a brand new development. This enables patients to sign explanatory forms at the hospital, and these documents can then be digitally archived straightaway. We are also presenting our ORBIS Touch solution at the DMEA, which provides authentication based on a fingerprint as an alternative to a user name and password. This makes the whole process much easier because registration with the system is massively speeded up. Another aspect is that of linking with the health insurers' electronic health files, and in this case we expect the telematics infrastructure to provide more uniformity. In general, on the subject of health/patient files it is paramount to not only to inform the industry but to hear its views too.

*On the matter of patient files: is the interconnection between hospital and patient a topic of interest to you?*

This is really a major topic, although I would not tend to classify it at the level of the health insurers' files. In this respect hospitals are looking for much more efficient applications capable of displaying and managing all the processes involved with in-patient care in the best possible way. What we can contribute is our Engage Suite, a comprehensive integrated care platform. Although this is optimised for ORBIS it is basically independent of any particular HIS, and allows clinics to make online services available. At the DMEA we will be able to report in detail about a major project at the UKSH in Lübeck that is running in

test mode at the moment. In the course of this we have used Engage Suite to display a process in which, prior to admission, patients make contact with the hospital online and subsequently arrange their admission using one of the many registration kiosks in the hospital. This is known as digital onboarding and it speeds up the admission process for the patient and the hospital. It can be supplemented by additional use cases during and after the in-patient stay. With this platform our customers can, for example, provide a video consultation, or they can connect with outside systems independently of ORBIS HIS. We have really been surprised by this product, which has met with an overwhelming response. It is highly attractive for hospitals when they can be reached directly by patients, by means of an easy-to-use platform.

### **About DMEA**

DMEA is the successor to conhIT – Connecting Healthcare IT, and represents a strategic evolution of that concept. It aims to mirror the entire digital supply chain including every process along the way. Step by step DMEA will expand into a platform representing every digital field of interest to all players in the healthcare system, both now and in the future. DMEA targets decision-makers in every healthcare sector – hospital managers, IT heads, doctors, nurses, healthcare policymakers and experts in science and research. As an integrated event combining a trade fair, congress, academy and a wide range of interactive formats, it gives participants the opportunity to find out about the latest digital healthcare developments and products, establish industry contacts and acquire high-level qualifications.

DMEA is held by the German Association of Healthcare IT Vendors (bvitg) and organised by Messe Berlin. DMEA is organised in cooperation with the following industry associations: the German Association of Healthcare IT Vendors (bvitg), the German Association for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology (GMDS), the German Medical Informatics Professional Association (BVMi). The National Association of Hospital IT Managers (KH-IT) and the Chief Information Officers of University Hospitals (CIO-UK) provide contributions on the subject matter. The three-day event takes place annually on the Berlin Exhibition Grounds.

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