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Long term archiving will support Electronic Health Record (EHR) initiative for Irish hospital

Galway Clinic chooses BridgeHead Software for long term storage of digitized patient documents

Woburn, MA, – September 14, 2009 - The Galway Clinic, a 126 bed hospital in the West of Ireland, is implementing a data archiving and management solution from BridgeHead Software to support its drive to create a completely electronic healthcare record.

The state-of-the-art medical facility, which provides acute and secondary care services, plans to use BridgeHead's BH FileStore [archiving software](#) for the long term storage and retrieval of scanned patient documents. The documents are being digitized using dedicated software from healthcare information systems provider, MEDITECH.

"Our data is growing exponentially as we strive to achieve a totally paperless environment," said Richard Murdock, network administrator at The Galway Clinic. "And now our data will grow even faster with our current plans to digitize all paper documents relating to patients. So it's crucial to put in place a cost effective, long term data storage and access strategy and BH FileStore's archiving and retrieval facilities will play an essential role in this."

Initially, the Galway Clinic will be digitizing the five years worth of patient documents that have been accumulated since it was first opened. The resulting data will be placed in the secure, fully-indexed BH FileStore archive from where clinicians and hospital administrators will be able to locate specific archived information using content and meta data search facilities.

As newer documents are digitized, they will initially be stored on Galway Clinic's Fibre Channel Storage Area Network (SAN). Over time BH FileStore will automatically identify older documents that are not frequently accessed and reposition them onto lower cost secondary storage within the archive.

"Our most expensive, high availability, primary storage assets will be reserved for current patient documents. To contain costs, older data will be moved and remain accessible on longer term storage within BH FileStore," explained Richard Murdock.

Because BH FileStore can simultaneously maintain multiple copies of an archive in multiple locations, data can be protected without having to devote time and resources to performing frequent backups.



According Charles Mallo Vice President of Business Development and Corporate Marketing at BridgeHead Software, his company is well aware of the data storage and management challenges created when hospitals resolve to digitize paper documents as part of an EHR strategy:

“Our experience of working with hundreds of hospitals leads us to estimate that in many cases digitizing relevant paper documents could generate as much as 60 gigabytes of data per bed per year. Even for a relatively small 100 bed hospital, that would mean an additional 6 TB of new data every year. It’s no easy task keeping this amount of data stored, protected and accessible, and that’s where archiving systems such as BH FileStore can help.”

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