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Unlock your potential
with cross-enterprise imaging

Connected care means multiple departments must work together – within individual hospitals and across a network. At the same time, increased collaboration coupled with early detection and follow-up procedures generate high amounts of data essential to patient care, such as images, referral letters and reports. In this environment, a straightforward process such as image sharing sounds like a dream. Is your only option a complicated and costly systems switch?

Instead of changing systems, change your expectations of simple, secure and scalable image sharing. Discover cross-enterprise imaging from Forcare.

Your solution for image sharing should do more

Our cross-enterprise imaging solution is based on an IHE profile known as Cross Enterprise Document Sharing for Images (XDS-I). This profile describes a very effective method of sharing medical images across networked enterprises. It's also one component of the larger IHE XDS interoperability profile that describes how to establish true interoperability between healthcare enterprises when exchanging patient information.* But what makes our solution for cross-enterprise imaging unique?

Simple

- Easily connect with existing systems and infrastructures
- Share all types of medical documents with both structured and unstructured data
- Leverage a variety of existing standards (such as DICOM and HL7) for true interoperability

Scalable

- Develop and adapt workflows as you need them in combination with the Cross Enterprise Document Workflow (XDW) profile
- Avoid vendor lock-in when your IT needs change
- Migrate to other systems later on without having to redesign your information exchange network

Secure

- Deliver privacy by design through role-based access control and advance auditing facilities
- Lock in patient consent (often required when medical information must be shared outside the bounds of a healthcare organization)

When you choose cross-enterprise imaging from Forcare, everyone in your network benefits.

Executives
- Help increase revenue by improving efficiency and shortening wait times
- Easily expand healthcare networks and adherence areas when needed
- Reduce overall expenses through a lower cost of implementation
- Free up clinical and administrative staff for high-value activities

Physicians
- Increase confidence during diagnosis and follow-up through a comprehensive view of the patient's condition and history
- Deliver care faster by preventing unnecessary repeat studies

IT staff
- Easily connect to PACS, VNA and other information systems
- Reduce the number of systems to connect
- Easily forecast IT demands and requests for additional resources

Specialists
- Increase confidence during diagnosis and follow-up through a comprehensive view of the patient's condition and history
- Save time by directly accessing remote histories and not viewing incomplete or irrelevant image studies

Patients
- See faster treatment plans and shorter wait times thanks to seamless workflow
- Actively participate in care by staying in control of access to data
- Gain peace of mind when unnecessary repeat studies are eliminated and exposure to radiation is decreased
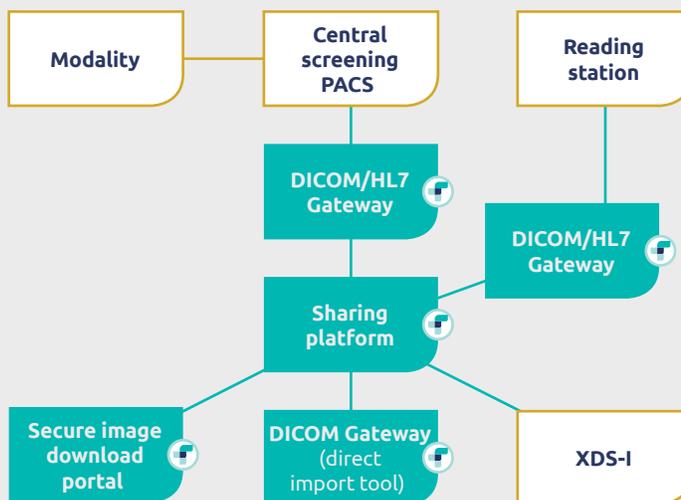
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* For more information on IHE and Cross Enterprise Document Sharing, visit www.forcare.com to download our whitepaper entitled "IHE XDS: Sharing Medical Documents across Enterprises".

Making a difference in national breast cancer screening

In the Netherlands, the National Institute for Public Health manages the national breast cancer screening program. Nearly one million mammographies are performed each year at multiple locations, such as mobile screening units. If cancer is suspected (nearly 4% of all cases), the patient is informed in writing and can go to one of several Dutch hospitals for a follow-up.

Hospitals can choose how to retrieve images and documents and how to report from the central screening PACS:

It's efficient
After the patient schedules a follow-up appointment, the specialist at the hospital can review images and reports before the patient arrives.

It's complete
Forcare provided the complete exchange network. There are fewer systems and contracts to manage.

It stays private
Images and reports are only made available for sharing when a radiologist notes a suspicious lesion. Patients can opt out of this sharing.

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"From my perspective, [cross-enterprise imaging from Forcare] provides the best platform at the moment for solving area-wide data sharing, particularly focused on the patient and the patient's needs – and the workflows we're building around that. It solves an immediate problem in an elegant way."

Paolo Zanoni
RIS/PACS manager, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, Bristol, UK

Seeing the bigger picture

Forcare offers a complete suite of software products, with IHE XDS at the core. As a leading global supplier of IHE XDS networks, we support all IHE profiles which can be used by healthcare professionals to easily share patient information, enjoy collaborative workflows and connect healthcare networks.

Ready to exchange images without changing systems?

Visit forcare.com to learn how we can help you keep cross-enterprise imaging simple and secure as your network evolves.

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