
Agfa HealthCare's IMPAX RIS/PACS Installed in Saudi Arabian Hospital



Agfa HealthCare has announced implementation of a complete IMPAX Picture Archiving and Communication System/Radiology Information System (PACS/RIS) and Clinical Application solution at the new National Guard Health Affairs (NGHA) hospital in Al Madinah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The comprehensive solution also includes IMPAX Business Intelligence plus two DX D 600 Direct Radiography (DR) units.

NGHA provides healthcare to National Guard personnel, their dependents, and other eligible people, and has five hospitals, including the new 320-bed Prince Mohammad Bin Abdulaziz Hospital in Al Madinah.

"Agfa HealthCare was very open about how things would be done, with a clear roadmap of all aspects, including costs, accuracy and effectiveness," comments Mr. Ali Al Kurdi, PACS administrator and Project Manager at NGHA, Madinah. "The solution itself is very advanced, user-friendly and fulfilled our needs at all levels: IT, radiology and hospital management. Agfa HealthCare's very strong reputation worldwide as a leader in PACS and radiology played a role, as well. Finally, the Agfa HealthCare team in Saudi Arabia impressed us, and won our respect and trust." He continues "These aspects together give us a complete solution that enhances our efficiency, improves our workflow, results in less downtime, and provides us with the excellent support and quick response time we need."

Agfa HealthCare's advanced IMPAX RIS/PACS workflow system will provide the hospital with a single, integrated solution for data management and reporting. The benefits include smoother workflow, faster results, consolidated patient information, efficient patient turnaround and more.

The contract includes IMPAX Business Intelligence, which supports decision making by allowing healthcare managers and providers to compile, organize and manage clinical, quality, financial and administrative data.

The agreement also includes the first two Agfa HealthCare DX-D 600 ceiling-suspended direct digital X-ray rooms in Saudi Arabia. The top-of-the-line DX D 600 offers a full portfolio of fully-motorized, semi-automatic and manual configurations. The versatile system is equipped with dual Cesium Iodide DR detectors in the wall stand and table.

"We are very pleased to be building our relationship with such a highly respected healthcare organization as NGHA, as well as with our project team mate, Advanced Electronics Company (AEC)," comments Mustafa Hamdy, General Manager, Agfa HealthCare Saudi Arabia Ltd. "This project fits well in our strategy of expanding our presence in the key market of Saudi Arabia, and provides an excellent reference site for us."

"We were proud to team with Agfa HealthCare and NGHA for this project," says Othman Dahash of Advanced Electronics Company (AEC). "NGHA demands fast delivery, high-quality products and customer-centric services, and Agfa HealthCare clearly demonstrated its excellence in those areas."

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