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A new agreement with DataFirst will deliver automated migration services for cardiology, significantly increasing efficiency and quality of the migration process. The companies will provide data migration service capabilities and archival storage solutions, enabling healthcare facilities to benefit from a rapid data migration process from aged media and end of life archive devices.

Cardiology data migration often places a substantial demand on legacy technology (i.e. jukebox technology, DVD, MOD, etc.) as well as the often limited IT resource pool in today's hospital environment. Risks include first's Hyper-Migration solution, Agfa HealthCare can significantly speed the process for facilities in contrast to standard DICOM query migrations. Now a large migration can be fully complete in days, making patient information available when and where it is needed. This complete, seamless and rapid realignment of data storage is done on the back end without an impact on the clinical workflow, while meeting the current and future business and clinical needs of the facility.

"By simplifying the migration process with a modern alternative, Agfa Health-Care and DataFirst are enabling healthcare facilities to enhance their clinical capabilities by not only having quick online access to necessary data, but by also enabling them to more easily upgrade or switch to a newer software system." said Charles Wickens, Global General Manager, Cardiovascular Business, Agfa HealthCare.

In addition to providing migration services, Agfa HealthCare will also provide end-to-end support, upgrading the archive hardware to fully-supported, industry standard technology, eliminating obsolete media, and improving archive performance, ultimately resulting in improved efficiencies. Also unique to Agfa Health-Care's solution is that although data migration is primarily focused on just cardiology imaging data, now non-imaging data sets like HL-7 reports can be migrated as well.

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