

EndoRAAD – Integrated Endoscopy Clinical Information System and EPR

Features and Benefits

The following summarise the Features and Benefits of the EndoRAAD Solution by module:

1. EndoRAAD - Clinical Reporting

Features

- Easy to use software guides the Doctor rapidly through the generation of the patient's report. The software is intuitive and helpful to end-users.
- The Report 'wizard' allows the generation of the report via clinically structured and designed forms for each procedure e.g. Colonoscopy, Gastroscopy, Sigmoidoscopy, ERCP, Bronchoscopy, EUS, Proctoscopy, Enteroscopy, EBUS, Cystoscopy.
- The Doctor has several options for inputting text into the patient's report i.e. comment fields, standard text editing, templates which contain commonly used phrases defined by the doctors.
- Doctors can capture single images (frame grabbing) and video sequence in 'real time' using the button on the Endoscope.
- Doctors can easily review images and video sequences immediately and chose those required for long-term storage.
- Doctors can easily select the images required for inclusion in the patient's report.
- Scope Identification details are captured, which can be by bar code reader. Fingerprint system interface will check if the scope is decontaminated and safe for use.
- Electronic signature is requested for the clinician to sign-off and save the report. Reports can also be printed easily for manual signature if required.
- Reports can be reviewed on screen and changed as required before printing.
- Examination details and images can be burnt to a DVD or transferred to a USB stick where the necessary drive is installed in the PC, within the Hospital's security policies.
- Secure web-based review of the report and associated images on any PC in the Endo unit, Hospital or Hospital group.
- The system is highly flexible and can be easily customised by the users themselves.

- Reports are generated in 'real time' by doctors as part of their normal working process, manually produced doctors' reports are no longer required.
- Users (i.e. doctors & nurses) require no special technical skills and can be easily instructed 'on the job' how to use the system.
- The Report 'wizard' guides the doctor to ensure all the necessary information required for each procedure is captured, and text entry allows easy tailoring of the final report.
- Images are integrated with the patient report as part of the Electronic Patient Record.
- The final report is therefore clinically informative, accurate and easy to understand.
- Scope Identification is recorded accurately against the patient for tracking and statistical analysis. Fingerprint interface ensures only safe Endoscopes are used.
- Reports are authorised before printing and release, which can be controlled by electronic or manual signature.
- Endoscopic patient records are integrated with the Hospital Information System, hence clinicians can view the overall Electronic Patient Record e.g. Radiology, Laboratory, Episode History, Other Procedures.
- The overall quality and accuracy of the patient records are improved for the benefit of Endoscopic reporting, General Practitioners, other Clinicians and information for Management and Research purposes.
- The patient's report can be distributed or viewed in completely electronic form via Browser or exported to DVD or USB, within the Hospital's security policies..
- The system can be easily tailored to local working practices and requirements by the end users, and is therefore cost effective to implement and support.

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2. EndoRAAD - Worklists and Integration with Hospital Information System

Features

- A Doctors' Worklist is available for easy selection of patients which includes an automatic download of patient demographics, episode and test request info.
- The Worklist can be rapidly searched for the correct patient e.g. Name, MRN.
- Option to use bar code selection of patients by their MRN.
- Several Industry Standard HL-7 interface options available for linking to the Hospital Information System, so information can be automatically extracted and not re-entered into EndoRAAD.
- Option to enter patient demographics, episode and test request info if the Hospital System is not available.

Benefits

- Avoid duplicate data entry of patient demographic & episode information i.e. it only has to be entered into the Hospital System.
- If the Hospital orders or schedules procedures in their Hospital system, this information can also be transferred to EndoRAAD to avoid duplicate data entry.
- Avoid possibility of incorrect patient data e.g. patient's name, MRN, procedure.
- More rapid generation of the patient's report and overall patient turnaround.
- Provide synchronisation of patient records in EndoRAAD with the Hospital Information System.

3. EndoARCH - Long term storage of historical patient records

Features

- Signed-off reports are transferred automatically to secure long-term electronic storage centrally in the Hospital.
- Transfer of images and video files to the server can optionally take place immediately or automatically at day-end to minimise any affect on Network traffic during peak times.
- Users can send individual images and video files to the server if required e.g. urgent procedure, remote consultation, etc.
- Server software is based on modern readily available technologies e.g. Linux, SQL database, DICOM standards.
- The server can store the complete 'multi-media' content of the electronic patient record e.g. text, images, video, voice, scanned files, etc. into a single integrated patient record.

- Once signed-off the patient's results can be available Hospital wide so associated clinicians do not have to wait for manual records to be delivered.
- Electronic patient records are available at all times and cannot be lost or misplaced as with manual files.
- Long-term data storage and retrieval is possible allowing easy access to a patient's historic records, therefore assisting future patient assessment & treatment.
- Accurate historic patient records are available widely for the benefit of Endoscopic Doctors, General Practitioners, other Clinician and other Health agencies.
- High quality information is available long term for Management and Research purposes
 e.g. statistics, service planning, trend analysis, disease analysis, etc.
- Storage, security and backup of electronic patient records is therefore managed by the Hospitals IT department, not by the Endoscopy Department.
- All server hardware and system software can be obtained cost effectively by the Hospital, as its industry standard and readily available.
- The server can be easily expanded to incorporate other clinical reports and images e.g. Ultrasound, Laboratory, Radiology, etc.
- The server is compatible with PACS technology so that all medical images and reports can be integrated for the Hospital's benefit.

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4. EndoDiver - Reporting and Management Information Tools

Features

- Library of standard Endoscopy reports
- Industry strength management information toolset.
- The Diver tools provide easy to use access into all Endoscopic data for reporting, statistical analysis and extract for use in other environments e.g. Word, Excel, PPT, etc.
- The tools are intuitive and easy to learn by non-technical staff.
- EndoDiver allows secure distributed access to the information via a Web based interface which is available for access via the Hospital's extended network.
- The Diver tools access the data via industry standard mechanisms.
- These tools are currently being used by many Hospitals and Companies in Ireland to support their Management Information requirements.

Benefits

- High quality information is available long term for Management and Research purposes e.g. statistics, service planning, trend analysis, disease analysis, etc.
- Ad hoc reports, statistical analysis, data extracts, etc. will be available for Endoscopy in a familiar easy to use manner.
- All authorised users around the Hospital view endoscopy information consistently and accurately.
- The tools can be used by staff with a minimal amount of training.
- Information can be accessed independent of location via the Web interface.
- It is possible to combine Endoscopy data with other clinical information for 'combined' analysis and reporting e.g. Lab Results, Radiology Results, demographics, ICD-9 coding, etc.

5. EndoARCH - Hospital wide Browser based review of patient records

Features

- Browser based access to Endoscopy electronic patient records via a common server, which is integrated with the Hospital's Information System.
- No special application software has to be installed on the PC's around the Hospital, only a Browser is required and plug-ins to allow image and video viewing.
- The system provides multilevel protection of patient, procedure and image data using its password and access rights system.
- User accounts and user groups are defined and maintained by the Hospital's system administrator.
- The server provides a special educational (student) user group, which allows access to medical information for instructional purposes, but restricts access to patient's personal information.

- Authorised users can access the relevant information consistently and accurately around the Hospital independent of location and time.
- Once signed-off the patient's results can be available Hospital wide so associated clinicians do not have to wait for manual records to be delivered.
- Associated clinicians can have a consultation rapidly and easily.
- Because of the Web based function and imbedded authorisation/ security, access to the electronic patient records can be extended to the Hospital's wider network
- Accurate historic patient records are available widely for the benefit of Endoscopy doctors, General Practitioners, other Clinician and other health agencies.
- Minimal system administration for the Hospital's ICT department.
- Transparently supports the requirements for medical education and teaching.

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6. EndoSCHEDULE - Appointment & Resources Scheduling

Features

- Appointments and resources for Endoscopy procedures can be easily scheduled.
- Schedules can be easily changed when required.
- Schedule can be configured to reflect doctor availability, equipment service, unplanned events, extra resources, holidays, etc.
- Automatic generation of letters for patients, GP's, etc.

Benefits

- Better management of available resources.
- Fewer cancelled appointments for Hospital reasons.
- Patients and GP's are better informed.
- Better information on the use of resources, waiting times, did not attends, etc., so that services can be adjusted to meet changing circumstances.
- Less time spent on administration tasks e.g. writing letters, searching diaries, etc.

7. EndoNURSE - Computerised Nursing Records

Features

- Complete Nursing record can be captured, viewed and printed.
- Mobile devices, touch screen and biometric identification are possible.
- Patient throughput is tracked through the complete Endoscopy workflow e.g. preparation, recovery and discharge.
- Important information captured on infection risks, surveillance and special categories

Benefits

- More accurate, legible and widely available clinical information benefits all staff.
- Touch screen, biometrics and mobile devices fit naturally into the Nurse workflow.
- Better information on the throughput of patients in the department.
- Information easily available for the patients' next visit.
- Better quality information available for identification of possible improvements in services.

8. Technical Platform/ Equipment

Features

- The system allows the real time capture, storage and retrieval of the 'multi-media' electronic patient record e.g. text, single images, video, voice, etc.
- Standard PC's are required with integrated image capture cards.
- Connection to Endoscopic camera via standard S-Video or High Definition (HD) cable.
- Standard SQL database for easy and flexible access for reports and statistics.
- Videos are captured and compressed to industry standard DIVX format.
- Examination details and images can be burnt to DVD or exported to USB stick, within the Hospital security policies.

- The system integrates all the possible medias into a single viewable source. Clinicians do not have to search through multiple files to get the complete patient summary.
- Readily available modern technologies = lower overall cost of ownership and support.
- The Hospital can therefore purchase all equipment themselves through existing supplier relationships, and avail of associated cost advantages where applicable.
- Images and Videos are stored in industry standard formats are therefore available for use with 3rd party manipulation and editing tools.
- Patient Records can be easily provided to appropriate agencies on DVD/USB for easy viewing without any special software e.g. GP's, other Clinician, other Health agencies., with the Hospital's associated security policies.