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## **With new strategic agreement, Noordwest Ziekenhuisgroep (Netherlands) transitions to Agfa HealthCare Enterprise Imaging**

### **Replacing existing radiology PACS and departmental image management solutions will bring all images in the hospital group into a single, enterprise-wide environment**

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- Enterprise Imaging gives radiologists, cardiologists and other clinicians throughout the hospital group, new tools and functionalities to improve their care delivery.
- All images from Noordwest Ziekenhuisgroep will be saved in and accessible from a central Enterprise Imaging environment.
- Full integration with the electronic medical record (EMR) further facilitates the work of specialists within the hospital group.

Agfa HealthCare announces a multi-year strategic collaboration with Noordwest Ziekenhuisgroep, which will enable the Dutch hospital group to further optimize patient care. As part of this new, closer collaboration, Agfa HealthCare's market-leading Enterprise Imaging has been extensively rolled out within the hospital group, to bring all images and results from radiology, nuclear medicine, cardiology and other image-generating departments, into one environment.

The Enterprise Imaging platform is fully integrated with the hospital group's Chipsoft electronic medical record (EMR), enabling clinicians to do their work in a single environment, with all information from the patients immediately accessible.

#### **Converging and sharing imaging data**

Noordwest Ziekenhuisgroep is a large hospital organization in the North-west of the Netherlands with locations in Alkmaar, Den Helder, Heerhugowaard, Schagen and Texel. In total, Noordwest Ziekenhuisgroep counts 842 beds and a staff of more than 4000 employees, 325 medical specialists and 700 volunteers.

### **Support for evidence-based decisions**

Noordwest Ziekenhuisgroep recently took the decision to replace both its existing Agfa HealthCare radiology picture archiving and communication system (PACS) and the image management system used for other image-producing departments, with Enterprise Imaging.

This transition provides Noordwest Ziekenhuisgroep's radiologists with powerful new tools, workflows and functionalities. The task-based workflow engine, convergence of imaging and non-imaging data from different systems, and powerful collaboration tools support more efficient evidence-based decision making.

The unified, converged Enterprise Imaging platform will also manage all other images within the hospital group, providing clinicians with quick access from their EMR environment.

### **An organizational strategy for image management**

"We see clear and substantial benefits from having a single solution for managing and storing all medical images generated in our different sites," explains Ed de Myttenare, CIO of Noordwest Ziekenhuisgroep. "In addition, the integration capabilities of the open Enterprise Imaging platform further facilitate the use of the EMR for our specialists. Agfa HealthCare has made it easy for us to take this strategic decision, and we look forward to accessing all the new functionalities of Enterprise Imaging."

"We are very proud that a well-respected healthcare provider like Noordwest Ziekenhuisgroep has chosen to transition to Enterprise Imaging," says John Emmerik, Managing Director of Agfa HealthCare in the Netherlands. "This intelligent, workflow-oriented solution will support Noordwest Ziekenhuisgroep to fully utilize all its imaging data - whether originating from radiology or from other departments - and use it to improve patient care, hospital processes and collaboration between radiologists and clinicians."

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