

Siemens Medical Solutions and Netviewer enter into a joint venture

The web-conferencing software Netviewer is to become part of the Siemens Medical Solutions portfolio.

Karlsruhe, 31 May 2006 – The Medical Solutions (Med) Division of Siemens AG and the software producer Netviewer have agreed to enter into a joint venture in clinic information systems which will see Siemens Med integrating the web-conferencing software Netviewer one2meet with its IT solutions. This will allow users to conduct web conferences from the application.

The clinic information and management systems from Siemens allow patient data to be recorded and managed easily, and it can also control, automate and optimise all the clinical and administrative processes in a hospital. The telemedicine solution “Soarian Integrated Care” allows data and information to be shared between hospitals, practices, doctors working outside hospitals and healthcare facilities. The key component is an electronic patient file, which is stored in a central location and containing diagnostic reports, radiological images, lab results and other medical data.

The integration of the web conferencing software Netviewer one2meet will now allow several users from different locations to edit or discuss shared data. During this process, they will be able to see each other’s screen live. There are a pointer and whiteboard elements available to participants to ensure that communication is clear and to the point. The system has a wide and varied range of applications: With the online teleconsole doctors in different locations can meet to discuss patient data without needing to travel. The patient can be seen with videoconferencing: the physical distance from specialists no longer presents a problem. There are also many different applications for hospital administration. Medical administrators can easily access patient data, occupancy figures, diagnosis related groups and control codes

irrespective of their location. Numerous business trips can be avoided, resulting in shorter processes and faster decisions.

With the integration of Netviewer one2meet, Siemens Med is making yet another contribution to greater efficiency in healthcare, allowing medical practitioners and healthcare facilities to work better together both within and outside of the hospital environment. Diagnostics and therapy are optimised, as the participants are able to focus more quickly on important issues and can discuss and edit records jointly. This is also the case for hospital administration departments.

Netviewer GmbH (Karlsruhe, Germany) supplies the software of the same name for web collaboration, desktop sharing and web conferencing (www.netviewer.co.uk). Netviewer software gives internet users a live view of a partner's screen so that text, spread sheets, graphics and other documents can be jointly discussed and edited. Live communication over the internet cuts travel time and increases productivity. More than 4000 multi-corporate enterprises and SMEs from over 30 countries make use of this software including Agfa, Bayer, BMW, Deutsche Post, Ernst & Young, and Siemens.

Siemens Medical Solutions (Med) is one of the world's largest suppliers in the healthcare industry. It is known for innovative products and complete solutions and for providing a broad spectrum of services and consulting including imaging systems for diagnosis and therapy, electronic medical systems, audiology and IT solutions. With these solutions, Med enables customers to achieve real results, proven outcomes, in both clinical and administrative applications. Innovative products from Siemens optimise workflow in hospitals and practices, improving efficiency throughout healthcare provision services. Med employees number around 33,000 worldwide and it is represented in 120 countries. In fiscal 2005 (30 September) Med reported sales of 7.6 billion euros and orders amounting to 8.6 billion euros with provisional figures for group profit at around 1 billion euros. For more information go to <http://www.siemens.com/medical>.

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