

NextiraOne revolutionises communication at Spanish hospital group, Quirón

Three main hospitals linked using IP telephony network

Paris – 9 May 2007: NextiraOne has completed the first phase of network integration for Spain's leading hospital group, Quirón. The project encompasses the newly opened hospitals in Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia. The network, which includes voice over internet protocol (VoIP) telephony, will enable the group's administrative, medical, back office and community staff to communicate and share critical patient information even more effectively.

Using Alcatel-Lucent technology for local area network (LAN) switching, wireless internet (WiFi), firewalls and IP in each of the hospitals, NextiraOne experts modernised the group's existing infrastructure, allowing them to change the way they work to improve patient care and reduce costs. The solution addresses the following:

- IP convergence technology for voice, data and video in all new buildings
- Mobility for employee data and voice
- New applications including: videos for diagnosis, alarm systems for cardiac arrests and activating applications via phone handsets
- Secure private network for swift and effective communication between all hospitals
- Centralised voice and data management

Doctor María Cordón Muro, General Manager of Quirón Hospital Group, said: "Being able to communicate and share information quickly and efficiently will save lives and improve patient recovery times. Critical documents that were once driven by hard mail between hospitals can now be instantly shared between departments."

Carlos Inocencio, managing director of NextiraOne Iberia, said: "Networks are critical in today's healthcare community. Patients, medical, administrative and mobile clinical staff will all benefit from the new network NextiraOne experts are deploying between the group's main hospitals. NextiraOne's pan-European experience and expertise in designing and installing medical networks is unrivalled, and the bespoke solution across Quirón Hospitals is a further example of this."

The network between all three hospitals will go live this spring.

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About Quirón

Nationwide throughout Spain, Grupo Hospitalario Quirón currently encompasses five private hospitals in Barcelona, Madrid, San Sebastián, Zaragoza and Valencia as well as one assisted centre in Bilbao. In Summer 2007 a new Hospital in Barcelona will replace the existing one with better services for patients, and in 2010 the group will count three new hospitals in Bilbao, Sevilla and Valencia. Grupo Hospitalario Quirón has a global turnover of €90 million, growing above the market average. With network expansion, a turnover of around €205 million is predicted by 2010, with more than 1,000 beds.

About NextiraOne

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