Merge Healthcare's VNA and Interoperability Solutions Selected by US Hospital Organisation

iConnect Enterprise Archive and iConnect Access to deliver real-time clinical data and enable seamless integration of critical patient information across various care settings

Merge Healthcare Incorporated, a leading provider of innovative enterprise imaging, interoperability and clinical systems that seek to advance healthcare, has announced that Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, a not-for-profit, Level III trauma organisation providing a range of services throughout four hospitals in Montana, has chosen Merge for its vendor-neutral archive (VNA) and interoperability solutions.

The partnership will enable Bozeman Deaconess to deliver real-time clinical data, enable seamless integration across clinics within its hospital networks and enhance clinical decision-making to improve overall patient care.
"As the industry continues to shift and rely more heavily on information technology for critical data exchange, we are addressing these changes head on by implementing solutions that enable instantaneous information sharing," said Kelly Syvertson, PACS Administrator at Bozeman Deaconess. "Our continued relationship with Merge will enable our providers to have access to enterprise-wide solutions in order to quickly and seamlessly share critical patient information, enhance communications with our referring providers and improve quality outcomes."

After working with Merge to complete an assessment and pinpoint areas of improvement, Bozeman has expanded their portfolio to include iConnect Enterprise Archive, Merge's VNA, to enhance pre-existing relationships, connect seamlessly with outside resources and remove the excess data they have stored to create room for necessary patient information.

In addition, Bozeman expanded their use of Merge's iConnect Access, a platform that combines universal viewing and image sharing into a single enterprise solution, to enable providers to transport, view and exchange critical patient data from any browser-based device. Bozeman Deaconess currently leverages Merge PACS to store and access images throughout the organisation, as well as Merge OrthoPACS manage and view orthopedic images. "Our providers previously relied on incoming CDs, which were imported to PACS, and accompanying reports had to be scanned and manually matched to the accession number," continued Syvertson. "We estimated that 60 percent of the information on these CDs was incorrect. Now, we will be able to move away from this manual process using Merge's interoperability platform. We are excited about this collaboration and look forward to identifying additional areas of improvement to further position ourselves for future regulation and technology changes, including HIPAA policy and archived data."

 "Bozeman Deaconess recognises the value of deploying an interoperability infrastructure from one vendor, and we are proud that they have decided to expand their partnership with Merge to add an enterprise-wide imaging platform to share clinical content across their organisation," said Justin Dearborn, CEO at Merge Healthcare. "Our innovative and comprehensive approach for image management and interoperability not only helps organisations overcome financial and regulatory challenges, such as Meaningful Use 2, it also advances patient care coordination across various clinical settings, giving physicians the information they need, when they need it."

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