
Merge to Feature iConnect at HIMSS 2012



Merge Healthcare announced that Merge iConnect® will be featured at the HIMSS12 Interoperability Showcase (booth #11000) at this year's HIMSS conference in Las Vegas, February 21-24.

"We're proud that iConnect is part of the Interoperability Showcase at HIMSS, and of the collaborative effort that is taking place among healthcare IT vendors to ensure interoperability among the myriad of systems and interfaces hospitals use to share data," said Jeff Surges, CEO, Merge Healthcare. "Attendees will see first-hand how interoperable systems, like iConnect Access, communicate with one another better, are easier to implement, and enable providers to use information more effectively."

Merge iConnect Access provides a true "zero-footprint" image viewing capability and can be embedded into many third party products. iConnect Access is part of the iConnect portfolio, which is the only comprehensive solution for collecting, archiving, viewing, sharing and exchanging any type of image, anywhere, any time. iConnect provides interoperable image exchange and management, and is an enabling technology that reduces or eliminates many barriers to efficiency in healthcare organizations.

Merge's client base spans 1,500 hospitals and 6,000 clinics. iConnect is in use at some of the largest and most prestigious hospitals and healthcare systems, including Cincinnati Children's Hospital, the third largest pediatric hospital in the U.S.; HealthPartners, the largest consumer-governed, nonprofit health care organization in the nation; and DuPage Medical Group, one of the largest multi-specialty physician groups in the country.

Merge iConnect Access successfully completed testing for all registered Integration Profiles at the Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise Connectathon held last month in Chicago. Merge Healthcare tested successfully with 25 different vendors and its solutions were proven to meet all required functionality and interoperability requirements including the IHE ATNA security profile. Merge completed six IHE Integration Profiles, including Consistent Time (CT), Audit Trail and Node Authentication (ATNA), Cross-Enterprise Document Sharing-b (XDS.b), Cross-Enterprise Document Sharing for Imaging (XDS-I.b), Patient Identifier Cross-Referencing (PIX) and Patient Demographics Query (PDQ). This confirms that Merge iConnect Access can be used in IHE XDS (Cross Enterprise Document Sharing) solutions including Health Information Exchanges (HIE) and Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) around the world.

The IHE Connectathon is the healthcare IT industry's only large-scale interoperability testing event. It provides detailed validation of the participants' interoperability and compliance with IHE profiles. During the Connectathon systems exchange information with complementary systems from multiple vendors, performing all of the transactions required for the roles they have selected, called IHE Actors, in support of defined clinical use cases, called IHE Profiles. Thousands of vendor-to-vendor connections have been tested overall, and tens of thousands of transactions passed among the systems tested.

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