

## WiFi solutions for increasing patient satisfaction and reducing healthcare costs



According to a report from ABI Research in the 2nd quarter of 2010, the use of WiFi in healthcare has increased by 60% over the last 12 months. Though WiFi is not new, interest has grown as organisations have realised its potential to reduce costs and improve efficiency without compromising patient safety and service quality.

Complete hospital networks require seamless integration between all systems and equipment. Smart integration means increased productivity of hospital staff and higher patient satisfaction. A WiFi solution should easily integrate with all clinical and technical systems such as: HIS, RIS, LIS, nurse call systems, computerised physician order entry (CPOE) / order entry (OE), ADT (admission, discharge & transfer), EPR, patient monitoring as well as security, fire systems and PBX systems.

### A case for WiFi

Countess of Chester Hospital in Cheshire has implemented a site-wide VoWiFi solution using Ascom i75 handsets. Dr David Ewins, consultant physician in general medicine, diabetes and endocrinology, says:

“Many of our staff find the VoIP phones very beneficial when on call as they do not have to interrupt their activity to find a phone to reply to beeps. In addition they can make and reply to calls on the move, thus saving valuable time.”

### Conclusion

Today's escalating hospital costs are forcing management to look at new ways to be more efficient and using existing networks in new ways not only reduces costs but improves patient satisfaction and efficiency.

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