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Streamline radiation therapy referrals, in a single workflow

You know more than anyone that the processes surrounding radiation therapy are multifaceted. There's collaboration between clinicians and facilities, referrals to specialist centers, advanced planning — not to mention the complexity and high cost of the treatment itself. Against this background, having the right information when and where you need it is a key diff erentiator. But is it a realistic objective?

Enter Radiation Therapy Referral from Philips Forcare — an innovative way to help you turn RT management goals into reality.

Expect **more**

As a healthcare professional, there are certain things you and your patients expect of the care you deliver – accuracy, speed and high quality, to name a few. But can your IT systems also meet these expectations? Effective management of radiation therapy requires a complex interplay between people, processes and resources. There are multiple tasks involved, including sharing images, lab results and pathology reports, scheduling procedures and creating treatment plans.

Philips Forcare offers a solution that streamlines these processes in one custom implementation, providing stakeholders with the data they need when they need it. Based on the IHE platform and standards such as XDS, XDW, HL7, FHIR and DICOM, Radiation Therapy Referral supports a more collaborative approach to RT referrals and treatment planning. Referring physicians simply upload all relevant information using a web-based wizard. This means radiotherapists have everything they need at their fingertips, and no longer have to wait for DVDs to arrive by mail. The design and functionality can be customized to fit your clinical and organizational needs, making it a highly flexible solution.
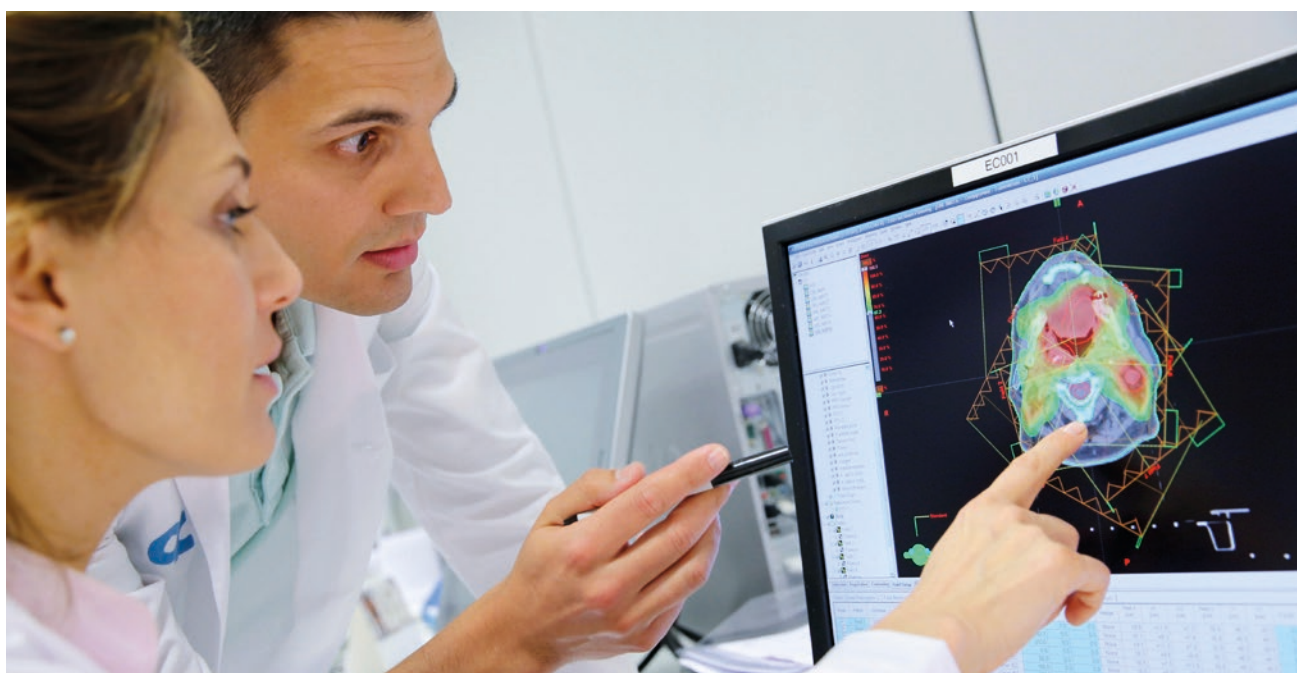
Tailored

- Customize your referral solution in line with your specific requirements and objectives
- Receive automatic email notifications to keep everyone in the loop
- Leverage Radiation Therapy Referral as a standalone solution or integrate it into your existing systems

Intuitive

- Initiate referrals and select and share relevant information using a guided, web-based workflow
- Access lab results, reports and diagnostic images in one central location to streamline radiation treatment planning

Proven

- Leverage the established Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) platform and open standards
- Rely on tried and trusted technology to support integration and streamlining of radiation referral processes

Support across your **enterprise and beyond**

Philips Forcare Radiation Therapy Referral benefits stakeholders at your organization and across your wider network. Yet, all the while, it never loses sight of the patient – supporting you and your teams in providing better, faster care.

Referring specialists
- Helps to speed up time-to-treatment, for improved patient satisfaction and care
- Helps to enhance efficiency across all RT planning processes
- Helps to streamline communication with colleagues at other facilities

Radiotherapists
- Access relevant results, reports and images for each patient
- Gain up-to-date information on referral status
- Timely information can help you begin treatment planning sooner

Heads of radiation department
- Help reduce cost per procedure by eliminating inefficient communication channels
- Having access to images and data can speed up treatment planning
- Gain remote access to image histories for more accurate planning
- Helps to free up resources to focus on higher-value activities and patient care

IT staff
- Facilitate integration with other solutions, such as HIS, PACS and VNA
- Reduce the number of systems to connect
- Helps to forecast IT demands and requests for additional resources
- Helps to improve data security

Patients
- Faster RT planning can lead to a reduction in waiting times
- Actively participate in care by
- Staying in control of access to data
- Stay in the loop on the status of referral and planning

Powerful interoperability tools designed to improve healthcare.

- **Helps to reduce cost of ownership.**
  Lower your TCO by optimizing the referral process

- **Closed feedback loop.**
  Improve your efficiency by sharing data with referring clinician.

- **Helps to increase experience of care.**
  Faster planning can lead to a reduction in waiting times

- **Helps to avoid unnecessary delays.**
  Have required information available.

- **Information available in existing systems.**
  Integrates with PACS and EMR

- **No vendor lock-in.**
  Our software is fully based on open standards.

Radiation Therapy Referral is a comprehensive interoperability solution from Philips Forcare. Like all our products, it is designed to slot into your existing IT environment and your workflow, providing a flexible, open answer to some of today's most pertinent healthcare challenges.

Seeing the bigger picture

Philips Forcare offers a complete suite of software products, with IHE XDS at the core. As a leading global supplier of IHE XDS networks, we support all IHE profiles which can be used by healthcare professionals to easily share patient information, enjoy collaborative workflows and connect healthcare networks.