

Private Hospital La Clinique de la Chataigneraie Deployed Wi-Fi Network to Optimize the Management of its Operating Rooms

Ekahau and Symbol jointly provide unique solution for real-time patient management, and wireless information access

Paris, France --- July 11, 2006 --- Ekahau, one of the leading suppliers of Wi-Fi positioning solutions, and Symbol Technologies, Inc. (NYSE:SBL), The Enterprise Mobility Company, today announced that the La Châtaigneraie private clinic implemented the Ekahau Real Time Location System (RTLS) solution. The wireless solution incorporates two Symbol WS5100 wireless switches and 30 AP300 access ports, and is used to improve communications in and between its 16 operating rooms. The solution will enable staff to locate patients in real-time, help optimize patient flow, reduce waiting times, and manage the patient care process more efficiently. Approximately 1,500 surgical procedures are conducted every month at the clinic, and therefore it is essential that co-ordination of these procedures does not hinder patient care.

La Châtaigneraie is one of France's first hospitals to implement an innovative wireless and mobility solution to improve patient care. As well as managing the operating rooms, the new wireless solution enables real-time access to patient files in their rooms and enables hospital staff to order patients' meals in real-time. The Wi-Fi network enables La Châtaigneraie to centralise and manage operating room information that was previously distributed, manage medication administration and provide patients with Internet access.

The study, configuration and deployment of solutions at the clinic has been entrusted to Airmedis, Ekahau and Symbol's French partner specialized in Wi-Fi technologies applied to the health sector.

"The solution gives us an overall view of all the medical treatment activities in real-time, allowing us to optimize information flows and reduce waiting times," affirms Marc Blancher, the Clinic's IT Director. "Moreover, it allows us to ensure strict traceability with no additional work for operating room personnel."

"The solution deployed at La Châtaigneraie shows how emerging technologies can be used in all markets and not just the traditional business office," explains Nicolas Segons, Country Manager for Symbol France. "The combined solution provides the clinic with all the information they require to help provide the best possible care to patients. When patients go to private hospitals, they expect the best treatment and service. The use of new technologies can help deliver this."

About Ekahau

Ekahau Inc. is the industry leader in RTLS (Real Time Location System) positioning solutions based on Wi-Fi networks, and France's number 1 supplier. Ekahau's customers, including several international Fortune 500 companies, are reaping the benefits afforded by Wi-Fi location tracking systems and innovative tools for designing and planning Wi-Fi sites. Ekahau's customers include wireless software developers, systems integrators and OEM partners who develop and market wireless enterprise applications. For more information: www.ekahau.com

About Symbol Technologies

Symbol Technologies, Inc., The Enterprise Mobility Company, is the recognized leader in mobility products and solutions used to enter, transfer and manage information in real time, both to and from the activity site. Symbol's mobility solutions include advanced data input tools, radio frequency identification technologies, laptops, wireless network infrastructures, mobile applications and services provided worldwide under the banner Symbol Enterprise Mobility Services. Its products and solutions increase employee productivity, reduce costs, improve performance, and give companies a real competitive edge.

About Airmedis

Wireless technologies expert, Airmedis is the health sector's mobility and multimedia specialist. With over 65 references throughout France (private clinics, public hospitals, follow-on care centres, functional rehabilitation centres, senior citizens' homes), Airmedis supports its customers from the

network design phase to its installation and maintenance, with a range of complementary solutions (secure wireless network installation for access to patient health files at their bedsides, Internet access in hospital rooms, automated reading of constants Wi-Fi, positioning, and video surveillance). For more information: www.airmedis.com

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