

The Châtaigneraie Hospital Selects Ekahau RTLS for Patient Tracking

The Châtaigneraie Clinic in France chose Ekahau's Wi-Fi based RTLS solution to optimize operating room efficiency

Paris, France --- May 17, 2006 --- Ekahau Inc. announced today that the Châtaigneraie Clinic has selected the Ekahau RTLS (Real-Time Location System) solution to improve workflow in their 16 operating rooms. The hospital uses Ekahau T201 Wi-Fi tags and Ekahau Tracker software to locate patients in real-time. During the hospital admission process, patients are given Ekahau Wi-Fi tags, to track their location through the entire operating room process. The system enables hospital to eliminate unnecessary waiting times and allow staff to manage the patient care process more efficiently.

The Châtaigneraie Clinic is one of the leading hospitals in France in implementing innovative IT solutions to enhance the patient care. The Ekahau RTLS is the latest addition to their wireless Wi-Fi based applications. Currently the Wi-Fi network is used for managing meal orders and accessing medical files in patients' rooms. "Ekahau's RTLS solution provides a comprehensive view of all medical treatment activities in real-time enabling us to optimize the workflow and reduce waiting times," says Marc Blanchet, IT Director of the Clinic. "Ekahau's solution enables us also to ensure a strict traceability with no work overload for the staff," Blanchet continues.

Airmedis, Ekahau's partner in France, specialized in Wi-Fi technologies in healthcare environment, has been deploying the Ekahau RTLS at Châtaigneraie Clinic. "Ekahau tracking solution responds perfectly to the clinic's requirement to utilize the existing wireless infrastructure from Symbol Technologies," explains Arnaut Thouret, CEO of Airmedis.

Hospitals worldwide are deploying Ekahau RTLS for asset, patient, and staff tracking purposes, to increase hospital process efficiency, staff safety, and the overall quality of patient care. Unlike competing location tracing systems, Ekahau RTLS can be deployed over the existing Wi-Fi infrastructure, eliminating the need and cost of any proprietary infrastructure.

About Ekahau Inc.

Ekahau Inc. is the industry leader in providing Wi-Fi based RTLS solutions and is the first supplier present in France. Ekahau's customers, including several Fortune 500 companies worldwide, are realizing the benefits of Wi-Fi based location services and innovative Wi-Fi network planning and optimization tools. Ekahau partners include wireless software developers, leading system integrators, and international OEM partners, who develop and market wireless enterprise applications. For more information about Ekahau, please visit at www.ekahau.com.

About Airmedis

Wireless technologies Expert, Airmedis is the mobility and multimedia specialist in the health sector. With over 65 references spread all over France (private clinics, public hospitals, follow on care centres, functional rehabilitation centres, nursing homes), Airmedis supports its clients from the network design phase to its installation and its maintenance, with a range of additional solutions (installation of secure wireless for access to the DMP at the patient's bedside, Internet access service in the rooms, automated reading of constants via Wi-Fi, geolocation, and video surveillance).

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