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Siemens software from Austria as Basis for the Nation-wide Electronic Health Record [ELGA]

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- **Siemens supports Austrian States and their health institutions in the implementation of the nation-wide electronic health record (ELGA)**
- **ELGA received production status in Vienna and Styria**
- **Both states are equipped with the IHE compliant health information exchange components from Siemens**

The federated and XDS-based Austrian Electronic Health Record according to the ELGA directive went into operation in Vienna and Styria on December 9, 2015. More than 30 Hospitals in the states of Styria and Vienna supplying a total region of nearly 4 Mio citizens, mainly belonging to the KAGES hospital holding company and the Wiener KAV hospital association, were the first institutions where the nation-wide system was successfully launched.

Siemens implemented both XDS Affinity Domains, together with its subsidiary ITH icoserve situated in Innsbruck. Both networks rely on the Siemens eHealth product line sense, allowing the connection of institutional EMR data silos to a common and patient-centric Electronic Health Record enabling a secure and standardized exchange of sensitive patient data. Data security, interoperability, usability and sustainability were given top priority.

Wolfgang Köppl, Manager of Siemens Healthcare Österreich, wrote: "We are proud of our Austrian software expertise in health care. Our subsidiary ITH icoserve – a joint venture with the Tirol Kliniken GmbH, which is headquartered in Tyrol – employs more than 70 highly-qualified software professionals in Innsbruck: ITH icoserve made a significant contribution to the realization of the EHR with their solutions in a majority of the Austrian healthcare facilities. The innovative software products by ITH icoserve are used in healthcare institutions worldwide."

The EHR expansion will continue in 2016. Step by step, other Austrian states, general practitioners, and pharmacies will be connected to the EHR. Siemens provides a variety of health care facilities with an affinity domain based on the eHealth solution sense. With the "AURA®" platform, a private cloud solution from Siemens including a hosted long-term archive and an XDS Affinity Domain for established radiologists, private hospitals and other health care providers is provided.

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