



CUSTOMER SUCCESS STORY

Military Institute of the Health Services Enhances Working Practices Thanks to Aethra Video Communication Technology

Portable Video Communications and Telemedicine Technology help Polish Military Institute Improve Patient Care

Since its foundation as a Military Hospital in 1945, The Military Institute of the Health Services in Poland has progressively become a centre of excellence in many areas of medicine and has proved pivotal in the development of Polish medicine. Thanks to its role as a scientific research institute and centre of postgraduate education, the institute has always been at the forefront of technological advances, and in 2005 the institute continued in its quest to provide its staff with the most sophisticated and innovative tools by integrating video communications technology into its organization.

As part of its Telemedicine Project, The Military Institute of the Health Services utilizes Aethra's award-winning telemedicine system Eykona. In 2006, Aethra's Telemedicine solution received for the seventh consecutive year a best in category award from Videoconferencing Insight, the web-based newsletter, internationally recognised as one of the top authorities on the world video communications scenario. These awards are a clear indication of Aethra's commitment to leveraging video communication technology for the telehealth sector.

Thanks to this solution the Institute is now able to hold medical videoconferences from the operating theatre with the use of the DICOM Standards and is an integral part of the Institutes telemedicine project.

Aethra's Eykona combines cutting-edge videoconferencing with high-tech medical peripherals and a comprehensive patient database. Clinically reliable and cost-effective, the system enhances remote consultations and provides increased access to quality healthcare for patients everywhere. Developed and designed to support remote medical consultations, Eykona manages electronic medical records, processes medical images, provides videoconsultation services, and allows users to share patient data via both live and Store and Forward applications.

The Institute also utilizes Aethra video communication systems for the execution of medical videoconferences from any location, whether in the field, one of the Institutes 40 clinics or in the Institute itself. The use of these solutions is fundamental not only in reducing costs, but also in freeing up time and resources, which can be better spent on improving patient care. In particular, the video communication solution has allowed the institute to manage the time of its highly qualified medical staff to allow them to participate more frequently and effectively in the training of medical students. The system has also enabled the Institute to make significant savings by reducing the amount of *in person* travel required.

Mr. Piotr Murawski, Head of Information Technology at the Institute added that the Institute had chosen the Aethra solution above competitor products thanks to its strong local representation in Poland and the possibility to connect in videoconference using a wide variety of channels.

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