

VitalHealth update

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Meaningful use of EMR In the Netherlands, there is a lot of discussion around the topic of EMRs. The situation in the US is no different. The discussions have gained extra momentum in the past few months, especially since the Obama administration signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), an economic stimulus package that includes significant federal funding for healthcare related projects, such as promoting the use of EMRs. In the US, currently less than 30% of family medicine physicians use an EMR. The Obama administration has allocated about 19 billion dollars to stimulate the adoption of EMRs. Starting in 2011, physicians will receive incentive payments of tens of thousands of dollars if they can demonstrate "meaningful use" of an EMR. Consequently, a lively and interesting debate has started in the US around the interpretation of the word "meaningful", as the exact definition of the word in this context has not been established. The basic premise is simple: physicians will only qualify for an incentive payment if they can demonstrate that they are actively using an EMR. What should be avoided is that an EMR acquisition by itself is enough to qualify; you have to actually use the EMR as well. Or better yet; you have to use it in a meaningful way, hence the term "meaningful use". So what constitutes "meaningful use"? [Read more »](#)



By Laurens van der Tang, CEO, VitalHealth Software

New projects

Healthcare developments involving VitalHealth Software



Rehabilitation sector develops EMR with VitalHealth

Official launch by minister Ab Klink a big success

On April 22, the national Rehabilitation EMR was launched in the presence of Dutch minister of Health Ab Klink. The Rehabilitation EMR allows patients to

view their own medical record information via web-based access.

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Vital for Diabetes adopted by primary care physician group

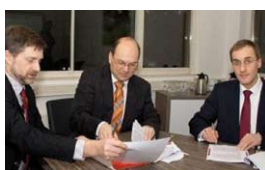
Starting early May, a primary care physician group in the Zeist area (city in the Netherlands) will adopt Vital for Diabetes.

The physician group puts a high value on the continuity in delivery of high quality care, and contacted VitalHealth to provide them with the supporting software solution.

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Winbase and VitalHealth establish a partnership



New web based solutions for speech therapy and physiotherapy targeted at primary care psychologists

Winbase, the market leader of software applications for (para)medical care – has selected the VitalHealth Platform for the development of its

future innovative web applications. [Read why... »](#)

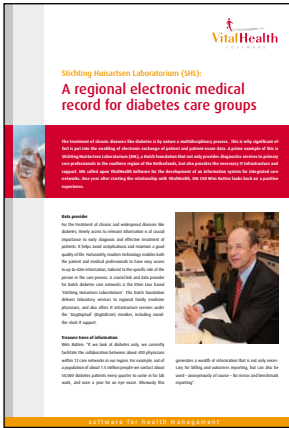
IZIT Twente and VitalHealth Software enter into agreement

VitalHealth selected as partner for care delivery network solutions in Twente

IZIT (organization for Healthcare IT) and VitalHealth Software have signed an agreement that will lead to important advantages for care delivery networks. [Read more »](#)



VitalHealth projects; reactions and results



A regional EMR for integrated diabetes care networks

CEO Wim Rutten of the Stichting Huisartsen Laboratorium: "With just one year behind us, what we have in place now is not only a complete and ready-to-use product, it is also a solid foundation for many more future enhancements".

Having access to the right information can help with early diagnosis and effective treatment of diseases, in

particular for chronic and widespread diseases like diabetes. It helps avoid complications and leads to better quality of life. SHL manages

the IT infrastructure for about 400 family medicine physicians in 12 diabetes care networks, and ensures round the clock availability of their information systems. [Read on](#) for more information on how they provide their service.



Rehabilitation Netherlands: going digital pays off!

CEO Jannie Ritico of Rehabilitation Netherlands: "The rehabilitation sector has shown that it is definitely possible to develop a solid and user friendly EMR, and to move from paper based to digital form. The adoption of the Rehabilitation EMR offers many advantages. No more lost paper files, the patient only has to

provide information once, and all medical professionals have access to the most recent data." [Read more »](#)

Product information



New release: Vital for Diabetes 3.1.5

The new release of Vital for Diabetes is mainly focused on the implementation of suggestions and feedback by user groups. Next to continuous attention for usability and end user satisfaction, the following features have been added:

Flexible "mandatory field profiles"; it is now possible to easily expand or limit the number of mandatory fields on a form.

Reporting; the end user can now choose what data to use on the existing indicator report. Additionally, several report templates have been made available.

Electronic declaration; enables insurance provider to electronically process declarations / reimbursements using CVS files. Additionally, the solution now integrates with the (Dutch) Electronic Declaration Portal.

Citizen Service Number (BSN); integration with Vecozo for electronic retrieval of the BSN number, avoiding error-prone manual data entry.

Insurance Coverage Check; the software will now automatically determine if the patient is covered through one of the established insurance providers.

OZIS based network care; improved data exchange according to communication standard of the (Dutch) OZIS foundation. VitalHealth is in close cooperation with several HIS vendors to implement this integration standard as quickly as possible.

Vital for Diabetes is currently used by 80 physician practices in the Netherlands.



Vital for Cardio Vascular Risk Management

VitalHealth Software has recently developed a new solution for Cardio Vascular Risk Management (Vital for CVRM). The software focuses on the diagnosis, treatment and management of risk factors for cardio vascular diseases, including lifestyle coaching and support for patients with

an elevated risk for first or new occurrences of cardio vascular complications. Besides that, the software includes valuable reporting capabilities. It is web based and can therefore be remotely accessed by both the patient, physician and hospital based medical professionals. For additional information, contact hvdberg@vitalhealthsoftware.nl.

Where can you find us?



TopClinica Stuttgart, June 24, 25 and 26 The conference for the medical industry

We invite you to meet us at this highly informative conference. The conference addresses many aspects of health care and the related

business processes of hospitals. The wealth of information will include medical technology, medical supplies, documentation techniques, IT information and communication technology, tools and devices for clinics, and services for the medical industry. [Read more »](#)

About VitalHealth

VitalHealth Software (www.vitalhealthsoftware.com) was founded as a joint venture between the Mayo Clinic (USA) and the Noaber Foundation (NL). Mayo Clinic and Noaber are also the main shareholders of VitalHealth. VitalHealth develops innovative solutions for health management. Focus areas are disease management and care delivery networks. VitalHealth has offices in the Netherlands, USA and India. Visit our [Careers](#) page.

More information

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