



## Provincial RIS/PACS Project

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The Provincial Radiology Information System (RIS) and Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS) Project will allow hospitals and other publicly funded health care facilities in Manitoba to share diagnostic imaging (X-Ray, CT, MRI and Ultrasound) information, reports and images electronically. This will reduce the need for film in many diagnostic imaging areas.

Over the next two years, over 50 health care sites within Manitoba's 11 Regional Health Authorities will receive equipment, upgrades and training to help them transition to a filmless environment.

Patients will benefit from improved access to diagnostic imaging (DI) services and improved turnaround times for test results. Physicians will have access to an improved tool-set that will enhance their ability to diagnose health conditions. Authorized health care professionals will be able to access DI images and reports electronically. These improvements all lead to better patient care and an improved working environment for DI professionals. Additionally, a digital DI environment will reduce the costs associated with managing and storing film.

The creation of a provincial diagnostic imaging repository of images and reports forms an important building block of the Electronic Health Record (EHR). In the future, this will allow health care providers to view images and health records together on a screen. This will increase efficiencies, while providing a more complete record of the patient's overall condition.

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