Great Ormond Street Hospital deploys iPads and iMacs

I. Summary

This article reports on the implementation of Apple technology, such as the iPad and iMacs, in the cardiology department of the Great Ormand Street Hospital. Around 350 Apple devices have been introduced with the help of an ‘Apple architecture project’ with the help of Future Labs Group. It was the practitioners that chose Apple technology.

This network allows the medical staff to access and share information faster and more easily. Using this shared data allows the doctors to find the best solution to a given problem. This new technology also makes it possible to have 3D pictures that can be seen from any angle. The ease of use helps the staff members to be more mobile than ever whilst being better informed and updated on what is going on.

The children’s acute program transport team, the organ donor nurses, the pediatric intensive care specialists, and hospital technicians have already equipped. The hospital plans to further integrate other departments in this highly innovative program.

II. Vocabulary Recap

Medical terms: cardiology staff, surgery, operating theatre, clinicians, treatment, sick, MRI (IRM in French), surgeon, patient, care, organ donor nurses, paediatric intensive care specialists, heart surgeons.

Embrace: To take up willingly or eagerly

III. Cultural References

Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) is one of the world’s leading children's hospitals.

Apple Inc. is an American multinational corporation that designs and sells consumer electronics, computer software, and personal computers.

Future Labs Group is an innovation company, it was created in 2009 to bring together talented people who have made a difference in their field of work.

IV. Opinions

Mark Large, IT director at the hospital, is thrilled about this project. He lists all the various benefits of this new network.

V. Going Further

• What do you think of this new system? Is it useful in a hospital?
• Do you work in with a similar network related environment? What advantages do you see with this system?
• Would you prefer your doctor to send you everything via email? (in order to plan future sessions, to send results of CAT scan or MRI, send prescriptions you could print at home)
• What are the risks of using such a technology? (depending totally on it, bugs and errors with the system could lead to tragic accident)
• Where do you think technology integration of the sort would be useful? Would like to be a part of it?