



HIMSS Europe CIO Summit concludes following tours of one of most digitally mature hospitals in Europe

Chief Information Officers say “It has been an unmatchable experience”

VALENCIA, Spain, 9 October 2015: The sixth edition of the HIMSS Europe CIO Summit has come to an end after two full conference days that brought together delegates and vendors to participate in educational sessions, hospital tours, a vibrant exhibition floor and key networking opportunities.

Hospitals tours of the HIMSS EMRAM Stage 6 Hospital, La Fe and Stage 7 Hospital Marina Salud de Dénia have been recognised as the key highlights during the event.

Hospital La Fe, which hosted the whole CIO Summit, took groups of CIOs from across Europe on a fascinating itinerary, starting in the Logistics area, going through the Pharmacy and ending on the Hospitalisation Ward. The 1,000 bed hospital, the largest in Valencia, boasted pharmacy robots, unidosis medical repackaging and also took the delegates through the use of nursing trolleys, EMR mobility and medication administration.

HIMSS EMRAM Stage 7 Hospital, Marina Salud de Dénia, with 300 beds, also lived up to expectations, organising two different tours: one with a clinical itinerary and the other was a technical one. Amongst others, the tours included the emergency area and intensive care units, with the responsible person from each department sharing their daily processes and discussing current challenges and future plans.

Giovanni Delgrossi, CIO at the Vimercate Hospital Trust in Italy, shared his highlights from each of the tours: “Hospital La Fe has an extremely impressive structure and is a complex organisation, where I particularly admired the project the team is developing to introduce mobility for physicians to actively use at the bedside. At the Hospital de Dénia, I was impressed by the full integration of the clinical path: from the moment the patient enters the emergency department, through the surgical area and then to the ward.”

He added: “It has personally been an unmatchable experience for me because I have genuinely learned so much from these two hospitals and am now looking forward to going home full of new innovative ideas that I can apply to my own hospital.”

As for the CIO Summit educational programme, the patient portals session was one of the most interactive sessions between the panellists and audience, and focused on the real need to get patients engaged in order to achieve better clinical outcomes. It became obvious from this and other sessions, such as the HIMSS Ibero-American session on population health management, that patients need to be in the centre and is a topic which HIMSS Europe will be addressing in upcoming conferences.

Christina Roosen, Vice-president of Public Affairs for HIMSS Europe, wrapped up the conference thanking the two hospitals which made this conference possible: Hospital La Fe and Hospital de Dénia Marina Salud. She also welcomed all delegates to join us again next year, on 21-22 November 2016 in Barcelona, to celebrate the 7th edition of the CIO Summit, which will take place under the larger event World of Health IT.

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