

Planmeca the first dental manufacturer to offer a comprehensive IoT solution for large clinics and clinic chains

In order to manage a large dental clinic or a clinic chain as effectively as possible, a lot of data and the right tools to access and analyse that data are needed. Planmeca's intelligent IoT solution is based on unique device connectivity, providing dental chains with everything they need for successful clinical, management and business intelligence processes.

Planmeca is the first manufacturer in dentistry to offer a comprehensive IoT solution for large clinics and clinic chains. All Planmeca devices – dental care units, imaging units and CAD/CAM devices – can be connected to the solution in order to collect valuable data. Due to this connectivity, dental chains can benefit from real-time information on how their equipment is operated and use it for planning their clinic operations efficiently.

“What makes our solution special is that it provides unique hardware telemetry that can be combined with practice management data and other information generated in a dental chain,” explains Planmeca’s Senior Vice President **Tuomas Lokki**. “This more complete information provides unforeseen possibilities for business intelligence and analytics.”

With Planmeca’s intelligent solution large clinics and clinic chains can, among other things, track patient chair time to see how much of an allocated time slot is used for clinical work, get comprehensive statistics on their instrument usage, and demonstrate that the required infection control and radiation hygiene protocols have been followed. They can analyse usage trends and plan their marketing accordingly, and improve their asset management and long-term planning.

“The future of dentistry will be driven by data. If you do not have data, you cannot perform analytics, so it is important that you invest in dental equipment that is capable of advanced data collection. The sooner you do that, the sooner you can start making better decisions based on gathered insights. Planmeca dental equipment has included network connectivity for more than a decade, a long time before IoT even became a talking point in the tech industry,” Tuomas Lokki sums up.

Planmeca will be presenting its IoT solution during IDS 2019.

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