

# How Healthcare Providers Reduce Data Management Costs

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- 1. I don't think I need Hitachi Clinical Repository as I already have an EHR. What is the difference?**

Hitachi Clinical Repository (HCR) is not an EHR, but rather a foundation of consolidated, aggregated and searchable data that can be accessed by technologies like an EHR or a patient portal.
- 2. In 2012 I will begin planning for a PACS replacement. Is HCR a PACS?**

HCR is not a PACS (picture archiving communications system). However, HCR is very valuable in data migration scenarios, which is what you will be facing with a new PACS implementation.
- 3. Is HCR a vendor-neutral (VNA) archive?**

For hospitals with a VNA strategy, HCR acts as a VNA, supporting import and storage of DICOM studies as well as query and retrieval of studies regardless of the original PACS vendor. HCR, a registered medical device, provides a single online repository that enables protection, search and retrieval across all image and non-image healthcare data, and provides scalable images, information and lifecycle management in an imaging environment. HCR can be leveraged beyond the medical imaging component. HCR provides a single online repository that enables protection, search and retrieval across all healthcare data.
- 4. My EHR vendor will be handling data integration during the implementation of our new EHR project. Why would I need HCR?**

Unless your EHR will be integrated with all of your data silos, it will fail to deliver the full longitudinal patient record. This means that as you work to improve your EHR adoption, complicated data integration efforts will continue to be in your future. HCR delivers relief from point-to-point integration efforts with its one-system-one-time ingestion of all data types, enabling a single searchable consolidated view that is independent of source applications.