Welfare (ICS – W)

Overview

Welfare (ICS – W) applications support appointment booking and EHR management in the context of a welfare organization setting. They are specialized in child welfare in meeting the requirements of this type of organizations, and in supporting the involved healthcare personnel such as pediatricians, social workers, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and psychologists. They support caseworkers’ interactions with children, youth, and families, as well as managerial decisions. This way the organizations can enhance program efficiency and improve outcomes for the families they serve.

Welfare applications constitute the welfare family (ICS – W) of FORTH-ICS’ Integrated Care Solutions suite. They are based upon an open, scalable and evolvable architecture that integrates distributed information and knowledge in a flexible manner, focusing on the timely and effective delivery of the appropriate information to all authorized users. Being the outcome of applied research, they encompass both state of the art trends and real-world requirements for effective use.

The main characteristics of the Welfare applications are:

- They can be installed either as stand-alone systems or in combination with other ICS applications.
- They are subsystems of an integrated solution.
- They support automation of business processes both within and between healthcare facilities by communicating with each other.
- They can electronically interface with third party applications and open devices. All interfaces are based on standards such as HL7, DICOM, XML, and web services.
- They are customizable and scalable according to the needs of each institution.
- They support role based access control.

Target Domains

ICS – W is suitable for care units (e.g. for handicapped children).
Description

The Welfare family of ICS products have been designed for health care professionals who provide for social well-being and support to individuals (e.g., with illness or disability, the elderly, etc.).

**Welfare** applications include the following:

- Welfare Unit Reception (WF-UR)
- Welfare Unit Electronic Health Record (WF-HR)
- Welfare Unit Appointment Management (WF-AM)
- Welfare Unit Supply Management (WF-SM)
- Welfare Unit IT Department (WF-IT)

**Welfare** applications support standards based electronic communication with 3rd party systems for:

- Pharmacy, Materials Management and Nutrition department for ordering, order cancellation and administration of drugs / medical supplies / diets.
- Business Intelligence / MIS for the electronic transmission of data for statistical analyses.
- Communication with 3rd parties (e.g. insurance organizations) or government bodies in line with existing legislation.

Additional Information

The software suite **Integrated Care Solutions (ICS)** is a series of IT software, centered around the electronic health record, to support patient administration (ICS – A), pre-hospital emergency care (ICS – E), health information infrastructure (ICS – H), the integrated electronic health record (ICS – I), nursing and medical applications (ICS – M), primary health care (ICS – P), IT support (ICS – S), welfare (ICS – W), and picture archiving and communication (ICS – X).

The ICS suite follows high quality international trends regarding both the structure of the Electronic Health Record (EHR), as well as integration with third party systems through the use of internationally acclaimed standards and protocols (like HL7, DICOM, etc.). This system is deployed in Crete since 2013.

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