

Cloud-based Electronic Infrastructure in Support of Linac-based Radiotherapy in Challenging Environments

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Challenges Identified

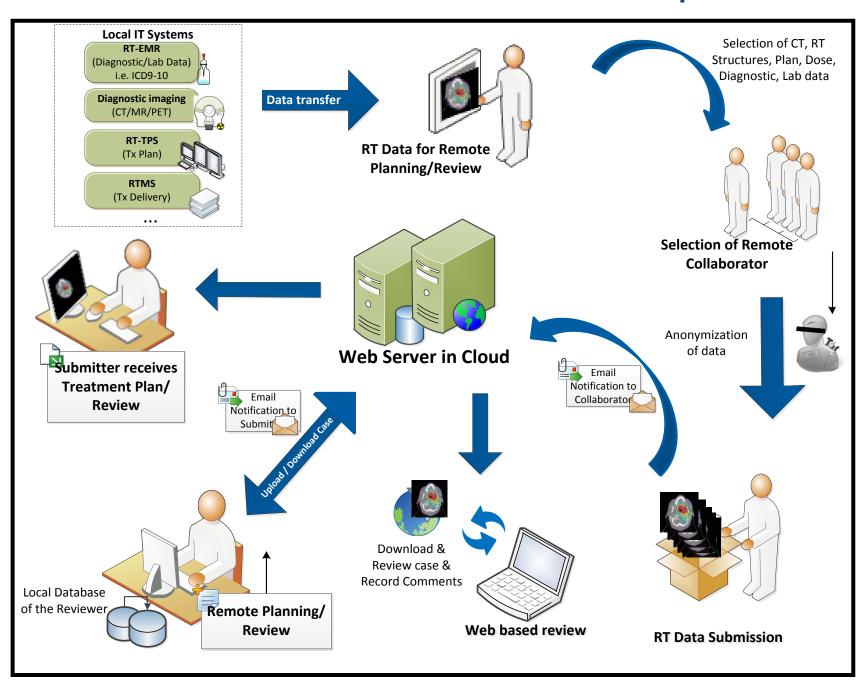
Specialist manpower shortages

Education and Training of multidisciplinary team

Radiotherapy Quality Assurance

Data collection and research

Process oriented view of the cloud-based electronic platform: Gen X



Role of Cloud-Based Electronic Infrastructure

Specialist manpower shortages

- Cloud based peer review
- Hub and spoke solutions

Data collection, audit and research

- Audit of service and identify gaps in training
- Training data bank
- Enables involvement with international research initiatives

Quality Assurance

- Facilitates standard operating procedures for QA
- Securely backs up data

Education and Training of multidisciplinary team

- Training modules in newer RT modalities
- Training partnerships with international partners

Infrastructure requirements for the Cloud

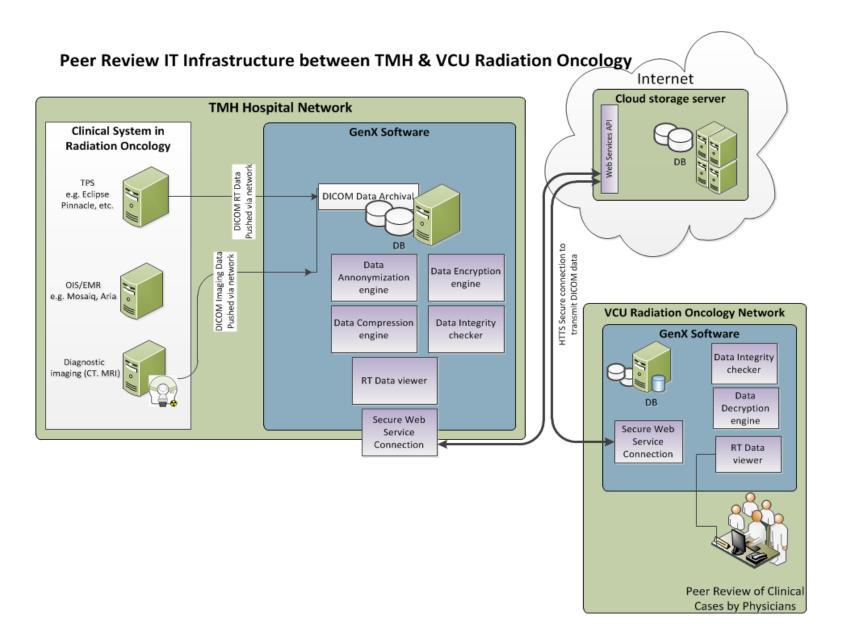
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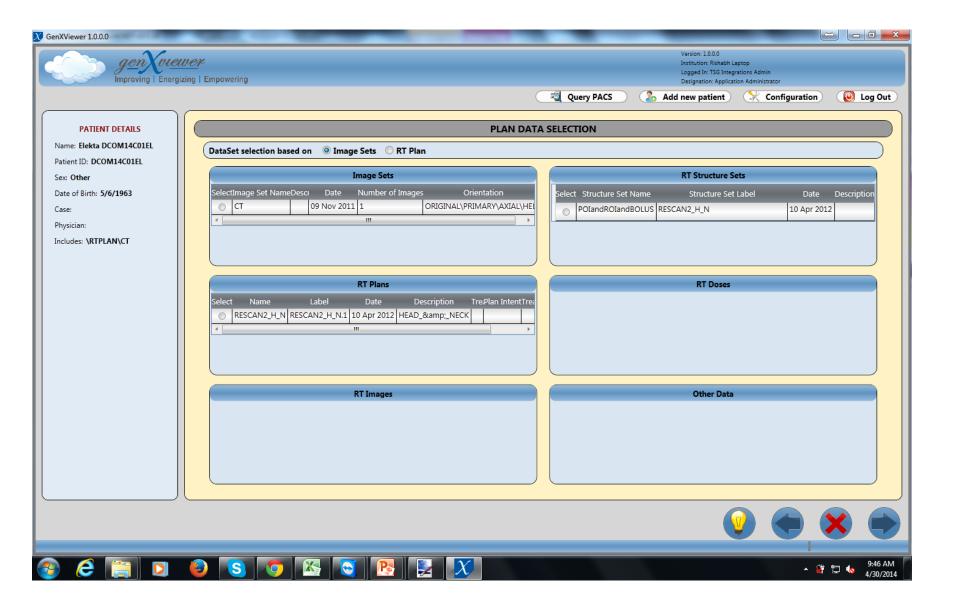
Reasonable speed internet connection

Client software installed: Microsoft .net framework 4.0

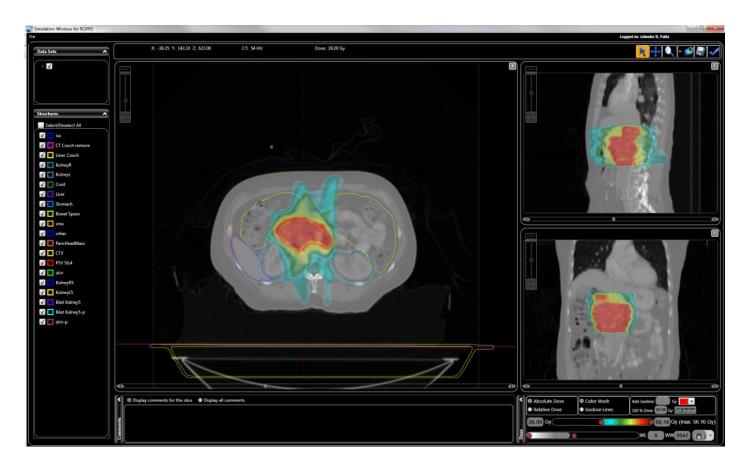
CEP software downloaded at host and partner site

GenXViewer Architecture





Review Process



Visualize the case

- Transverse, coronal and sagittal views of images (CT)
- Dose display on images color wash, isodose levels, absolute / relative dose.
- Point dose display
- DVH computed and displayed

Review Process



Record Comments

- Comments can be recorded via:
 - sticky notes system (comments any length)
 - annotating a point or free-hand drawing.
- Comment text can be of any length
- Comments are automatically transferred to the submitter's local database.

Phase 1 of Study

- Perform feasibility study for using the "Cloud"
 - Needs assessment to understand better the specific requirements and uses for a CEP
 - To assess the local informatics infrastructure that is currently available to support CEP platforms.

Visits in June 2018 – Kumasi and Dar es Salaam

Preceded by detailed questionnaire regarding informatics capability

Outcome

Tanzania

- Software downloaded
- Cases uploaded
- 2 New Linacs installed on arrival
- Starting transition to 3D conformal planning
- Rad oncs being trained
- Future plan for transition to IMRT

Ghana

- Long time lag for plan upload with local broadband
- Old planning software not compatible
- Diagnostic CT difficult to upload
- LINAC not operational for over 3 years
- Conformal planned patients sent to Accra





Current Activities

- Continue feasibility study
 - New site in Ghana Sweden Ghana Medical Centre (Accra)
 - Ocean Road Cancer Centre

- Systematic review of peer review processes underway led by Dr Pippa Lewis
- Understand how can peer review be done in a way that improves quality over time

Next few months...

 Audit of RT plans for head and neck, cervical and prostate cancer in each collaborating centre

 Evaluate training and education needs and how these can be incorporated into peer review process

Develop workflow for incorporating peer review in clinical practice

Audit of impact of peer review processes after implementation

Thank You!