Challenge
Online image exchange using the cloud is now readily available. In other areas of our daily life, we use cloud technology to transfer music, photos and financial information data. Not so with patient medical images, where the CD remains the primary transport mode. Not only do patients expect to receive their images burned to a CD, medical imaging providers prefer it as a low-cost method of supporting data portability and exchange. CD-based transport has its drawbacks though, especially with value-based incentives and penalties that require providers to document copiously to prove they’re meeting quality standards. Making sure that isolated CD images become part of the patient’s permanent record can impact reimbursement, yet there are resource-heavy challenges associated with uploading these images to the organization’s electronic medical record (EMR). The cumbersome process also can contribute to a delay in patient care, particularly in high-volume scenarios.

Solution
The PowerShare™ Local Uploader is a value-added component of the cloud-based Nuance® PowerShare Image Sharing solution designed to make uploading CD images within the EMR as quick and easy as clicking a button. The PowerShare Local Uploader delivers a familiar interface within the facility’s EMR to empower administrative staff to upload the data as part of the patient admitting process. The data automatically becomes part of the patient’s permanent medical record and medical imaging providers can access, view and share the patient images quickly and efficiently from within their preferred EMR application.

Streamlined CD management
Save time and resources with a simplified, on-premises CD uploading process. The PowerShare Local Uploader is a Java-free solution designed for optimal upload speeds, making it particularly beneficial for high-volume study transfers. It integrates with leading EMR applications, including Epic® and Cerner®, and uploads images to the Nuance PowerShare Network for viewing and makes them available to submit to the facility’s picture archiving and communication system (PACS) or vendor neutral archive (VNA).

Key benefits
- Optimizes workflows with a faster, easier CD image uploading process, including high-volume study transfer environments.
- Simplifies the on-premises CD uploading process without Java dependency.
- Works from within the provider’s preferred EMR and reconciles the uploaded data image into the patient’s official medical record automatically.
- Offers a proven track record of success with multiple EMRs, including Epic and Cerner.
- Delivers an encounters-based workflow to eliminate the need to create dummy orders within the EMR.
- Enhances the organization’s PowerShare Network investment by offering the flexibility to choose whether image studies are directed to the facility’s PACS/VNA or pushed to the network for integrated image viewing.

Fast and cost-effective
PowerShare Local Uploader helps an organization realize further cost benefits by offering the flexibility to choose which studies are sent to their PowerShare Network account versus which are sent directly to the facility’s PACS/VNA for viewing.
Optimize your PowerShare investment
With more than 3 billion images exchanged to date, the PowerShare Network is a highly scalable cloud-based platform that enables secure access and sharing of images and imaging data, in real time, across organizations, desktops and mobile devices. Join the more than 4,000+ healthcare organizations already sharing and collaborating with imaging data on this ever-expanding network. At Nuance, we are constantly looking ahead—as image sharing requirements evolve and expand—to provide tools to meet today’s needs and tomorrow’s challenges.

PowerShare Local Uploader is designed to make uploading CD images from within the EHR as quick and easy as clicking a button.

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