

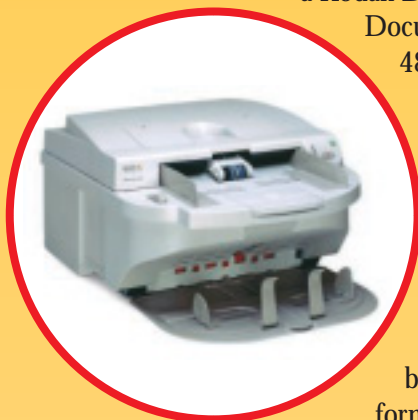
## Kodak combination of film and digital archiving aids French hospitals

Medical record archiving presents, quite possibly, the toughest challenge to hardware and software companies as well as to integrators.

Quite apart from legal imperatives and budgetary considerations, there are strict compliance issues concerning speed of access, accuracy, security, file tracking and long term storage. Kodak approached the problem in two ways on behalf of three hospitals in Northern France: Tourcoing near Lille and Metz and Thionville just south of Luxembourg. The "Scan and destroy" and the "File and scan" solutions, as they are called, differ in the way paper files are kept and handled over time.

### Scan and destroy

As soon as the patient leaves the hospital, all files are scanned using a Kodak Digital Science™ Scanner 3520DP with automatic indexing. The original documents are destroyed and the images are kept on the network for two years.



### File and scan

This option involves keeping the paper files for between three to five years in case the patient returns. After that, the files are digitised using the Scanner 3520DP with automatic indexing.

### Long term archiving

Two years after the patient leaves the hospital, both approaches create two back-up microfilms which are automatically generated using a Kodak Digital Science™

Document Archive Writer 4800 for security and long term storage. For easy access and consultation when necessary, a Kodak Digital Science™ Intelligent Microimage Scanner converts the microfilm data back into a digital format and placed back on the network.

### The advantages

The advantages of these two solutions are that they offer rapid access to case data as well as the legal destruction of the original paper files thereby saving space, time and money. In addition, the scan and destroy, favoured by the Tourcoing Hospital, enables authorisation over the web and access to 400 users in a variety of locations linked by an Oracle server. The hospitals in Metz and Thionville have expressed complete satisfaction with their chosen approach.

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