Delivering vital healthcare to one million people

People's Hospital of Jiawang District in Xuzhou City

Providing first-class patient care with a high-performance, resilient infrastructure built with Lenovo ThinkSystem servers and storage.



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Who is the People's Hospital of Jiawang District in Xuzhou City?

The People's Hospital of JiaWang District provides health services to one million citizens in Xuzhou City in eastern China. Founded in 1945, the hospital combines patient care with teaching and research, with 1,200 employees working across 36 clinical departments. Staff at the hospital possess specialist knowledge in many fields, including neonatology, cardiology, and neurology.

To deliver high-quality care, clinicians at the hospital require fast, uninterrupted access to several mission-critical applications. For example, the hospital recently invested in a leading-edge healthcare information system (HIS) to manage electronic patient records, and a picture archive and communication system (PACS) to store imaging files that aid diagnosis and treatment.

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The Challenge

Previously, the hospital hosted its key applications in a data center at one of its two campuses. However, the server and storage systems were poorly suited to the demands of modern, data-intensive medical applications. Many servers were approaching end-of-life and offered limited performance, reliability, and scalability.

Li Peng, Information Section Chief, People's Hospital of Jiawang District in Xuzhou City, adds: "Our infrastructure was very siloed. And as we added more and more hardware, it was becoming highly complex and time-consuming to manage. We also lacked robust data protection capabilities for many of our systems, increasing the risk of downtime and disruption to key clinical processes."

"We looked for a way to streamline our IT infrastructure and improve availability, helping to ensure that our clinicians have always-on access to healthcare data."

Li Peng

Information Section Chief, People's Hospital of Jiawang District in Xuzhou City

Building a future-ready infrastructure

To provide a stronger foundation for its digital healthcare solutions, the hospital planned to build a second data center, equipped with a state-of-the-art server and storage systems. This new site would serve as the main infrastructure supporting the HIS, PACS, and other key applications, with the original data center becoming a disaster recovery site to help minimize operational risk.

To make its vision a reality, the hospital decided to partner with Lenovo, implementing a combination of high-end servers, all-flash storage arrays, and networking equipment. "We are developing a next-generation data center with Lenovo: flexible, integrated, and scalable," explains Li Peng.

Hardware

Lenovo ThinkSystem SR950 Lenovo ThinkSystem SR650 Lenovo ThinkSystem DM7100F Lenovo ThinkSystem DE4000H Lenovo ThinkSystem DXN2000 G2

Software

Veeam Backup & Replication

Services

Lenovo Installation Services Lenovo Maintenance Services Lenovo Tuning Services

Adding higher resilience and performance

Working with Lenovo Services, the hospital installed three Lenovo ThinkSystem SR950 servers, plus a Lenovo ThinkSystem DM71000F all-flash storage array, to support the HIS application. To run its intranet system, which enables seamless communication among staff, the hospital added Lenovo ThinkSystem SR650 servers, with Lenovo ThinkSystem DXN2000 G2 storage systems to store PACS data.

For the disaster recovery site, the hospital selected Veeam replication software, additional Lenovo ThinkSystem servers, and Lenovo ThinkSystem DE4000H hybrid storage systems for data backups.

"With Lenovo, we created a solution with the performance and scalability to support our mission-critical HIS and PACS systems for years to come. Where we previously lacked a strong disaster recovery plan, we can now restore data quickly in the event of an incident or outage."

Li Peng

Information Section Chief, People's Hospital of Jiawang District in Xuzhou City

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Results

Working with Lenovo, the hospital has successfully developed an agile, high-performance infrastructure capable of supporting cutting-edge modern medical technologies. Deploying the environment across two data centers and installing new backup and recovery solutions is helping to safeguard business continuity and ensure critical applications run smoothly, day and night.

Furthermore, the Lenovo
ThinkSystem servers and storage
have reduced application response
times for users of the HIS and PACS
systems. As a result, clinicians can
access patient files and medical
imaging data faster, helping them
to diagnose problems sooner and
deliver more effective care.

Safeguards business continuity with stronger disaster recovery planning

Accelerates access to patient data and medical images

Helps clinicians deliver more responsive care

Integrated management saves valuable time

By replacing the siloed infrastructure with a streamlined, integrated model, the hospital has also reduced management and maintenance workloads. For example, the hospital can now use Lenovo XClarity software to monitor and optimize the whole environment from a single interface, rather than spending large amounts of time managing individual servers and storage arrays.

Li Peng concludes: "Moving to the Lenovo infrastructure has significantly reduced the pressure on our data center team, saving them time. They can now focus their energy on working on strategic tasks and optimizations that will add more value to the organization."

"The Lenovo ThinkSystem SR950 servers are ideal for running our main database system. They deliver rock-solid reliability and security, and help to support effective clinical decision-making."

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Why Lenovo?

The hospital assessed four major infrastructure vendors, before selecting Lenovo. The multidimensional nature of the Lenovo proposal was an important part of the decision, covering integrated servers, storage, networking, and disaster recovery solutions.

"The Lenovo proposal addressed all our requirements," explains Li Peng. "We had previously used Lenovo servers, so we knew their products were high quality. Lenovo also offered competitive pricing."

Other Lenovo solutions also impressed the hospital. For example, the scalable Lenovo ThinkSystem DXN2000 G2 storage systems can handle many concurrent PACS workloads.



How can healthcare providers ensure first-class clinical services?

Working with Lenovo, the People's Hospital of Jiawang District of Xuzhou City built a high-performance infrastructure to support cutting-edge digital medical technologies.

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