

Press Release

The Cantonal Hospital St.Gallen selects GANTNER to develop a modern storage solution

GANTNER Technologies, a leading manufacturer of Near Field Communication (NFC) locking systems, today announced that The Cantonal Hospital of St.Gallen, one of the largest hospitals in Switzerland, has selected GANTNER's networked locking system to secure and manage the facilities new storage solution. Having already planned significant expansions and renovations for 2016, management decided to implement a new and improved system.

An internal evaluation showed available space was fully used, requiring the hospital to add approximately 500 additional cabinets for its growing medical staff. Furthermore, mechanical key administration and lack of control over locker usage posed administrative and financial challenges. "We were looking for a modern, flexible and expandable storage solution for Cantonal Hospital St.Gallen. We put a particular emphasis on easy central administration, increased security, language-independence, intuitive operation, and not to forget an appealing design," explains Susanne Wick, Project Manager of the Space and Construction Service of the Cantonal Hospital St.Gallen.

Working hand-in-hand with the client, GANTNER designed a completely new storage solution, entailing compact, space-saving and large cabinets fitted with GANTNER's networked locking system. In order to optimally use limited available space, the GANTNER locking system is configured so that large cabinets are available only for the duration of a work shift, up to a maximum of 20 hours. Once an employee leaves, the cabinet becomes immediately available thus guaranteeing optimum utilization. In contrast to large cabinets, compact, space-saving cabinets can be permanently assigned and serve as personal, staff storage units. If no activity is detected over a long period of time, this is indicated in the Gantner management software, allowing hospital staff to take proper action.

A networked alarm system ensures the safety of staff belongings, whilst acoustic feedback and colour LED lights, displaying green for available and red for in-use, ensure the system is easy and intuitive to use. Should a member of staff have forgotten their cabinet number, they may retrieve it, by simply presenting their staff badge to a GANTNER Information terminal. Lastly, all lockers operate with existing NFC employee hospital badges, eliminating the hassle and cost of mechanical keys.

About The Cantonal Hospital St.Gallen

With three different sites, more than 35 clinics and institutes, and roughly 5,500 staff members, the St. Gallen Hospital is the largest employer in Eastern Switzerland. Always with a focus on providing top-quality patient care, the hospital ensures that the patient remains at the very heart of business. In addition to serving as the region's primary medical provider, the Cantonal Hospital St. Gallen is an important learning institution, where training and continuing education is carried out for many different medical disciplines. With over 5,000 staff and more than 700 training places, the company is an active member and cooperative partner of all institutions involved in the healthcare industry. <https://www.kssg.ch/>

About GANTNER

Established in 1982 in the Austrian winter sports resort of Schruns, GANTNER draws on over 30 years of experience to create the world's most complete and innovative line of Near Field Communication (NFC) locking solutions for cabinetry and lockers. GANTNER's innovative locking systems are valued across many industries, including offices, hospitals, universities, commercial, and leisure facilities. From battery-operated to networked locking systems, GANTNER has developed an integrated solution for every storage application. With subsidiaries in Germany, the UK, Dubai, and Australia, the company operates in over 60 countries and has a worldwide workforce of more than 200. Elmar Hartmann has been managing director since 2003. <http://www.gantner.com/en/>

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