

BELGIAN

HEALTHCARE SECTOR

SPEEDS UP ORDER &

INVOICE CYCLE

basware

Simplify Operations. Spend Smarter.

A GROUP OF BELGIAN HOSPITALS, 7 MEDICINE WHOLESALERS AND ALMOST 50 MANUFACTURERS OF MEDICINES AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY EXCHANGE 25,000 ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS PER MONTH. ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT EXCHANGE IS GROWING IN THIS SECTOR BECAUSE IT LEADS TO SIGNIFICANT COST SAVINGS.

CUSTOMER:

e-Health

INDUSTRY:

Healthcare

LOCATION:

Belgium

BASWARE SOLUTION:

Basware e-Supply

DIGITALIZATION INCREASES IN BELGIAN HEALTHCARE SECTOR



The non-profit organization e-Health was set up in 2004 to promote and simplify e-commerce

in the Belgian healthcare sector. It now groups together 62 pharmaceutical companies and manufacturers of medical equipment.

50 of these 62 manufacturers currently receive orders from wholesalers and hospitals electronically in the form of electronic ORDER messages. 13 of these 50 who receive electronic

ORDER messages also exchange electronic receipt confirmation messages (ORDER RESPON), send messages (DESADV), invoices (INVOIC) and price lists (PRICAT).

Seven large pharmaceutical distributors -Belmedis, Cerp, De Voorzorg, Febelco, Multipharma, Pharma Belgium and Vooruit - exchange electronic documents with their suppliers. And two wholesalers are developing e-messages.

SNOWBALL EFFECT

The number of documents exchanged will increase further when other hospital groups join e-Health. Hospitals that work

with the firms Medsoc, Infohos and Partezis for their orders are planning to do so soon. This means that part of Belgium's 265 hospitals will join e-Health. e-Health is expecting a snowball effect as more and more hospitals will join.

Each hospital sends approximately 25,000 orders for medicines and medical equipment every year. When you add in the incoming invoices, this amounts to 50,000 documents being exchanged with suppliers.

COLLABORATION WITH BASWARE



e-Health is collaborating with Basware, and uses BaswareONE for secure electronic

orders, receipt confirmations, shipping notes, invoices and price lists. This Basware communication platform provides the interface between the various supplier and client computer systems. Basware also provides a digital invoice archive.

NUMEROUS BENEFITS

Electronic document exchange has numerous benefits. The order and invoice cycle runs more quickly, for example. Hospitals are better informed thanks to clear, up-to-date lists (PRICAT) with descriptions and codes for products, quantities per pack and prices. Hospitals can also start exchanging electronic documents with companies from other sectors that use BaswareONE. This includes retail, shipping and public utility companies.

ABOUT E-HEALTH:

e-Health asbl/vzw created on 2004, March 30th is an association grouping 51 suppliers (members from Pharma.be, Unamec, Detic) and others active in the hospital, pharmaceutical and medical sector. The goal is to promote and facilitate electronic commerce (B2B) between suppliers (pharmaceutical and medical devices), hospitals, pharmaceutical wholesalers, and their customers.

More information at www.e-health-org.be

ABOUT BASWARE

Basware is the global leader in providing purchase-to-pay solutions, e-invoicing and innovative financing services. Basware's commerce and financing network connects businesses around the globe. As the largest open business network in the world, Basware provides scale and reach for organizations of all sizes, enabling them to grow their business and unlock value across their operations by simplifying and streamlining financial processes. Small and large companies around the world achieve significant cost savings, more flexible payment terms, greater efficiencies and closer relationships with their suppliers.

Find out more at:

WWW.BASWARE.COM

