

BMU Implements Complex Telepathology System Across Multiple Locations

RMT successfully meets aggressive "go live" date

In mid-2012, the Department of Pathology at the Big Midwestern University (BMU) decided to seek a telepathology tool which would allow its pathologists to consult and to make diagnosis in real-time, over the Internet, about freshly prepared pathology slides.

The key decision makers, including the vice-chair, the head of anatomic pathology division, and the pathology informaticist, all participated in two demonstrations of Remote Medical Technologies iMedHDTM telepathology system. In each demo, which took place at a workstation set up in their conference room, the pathologists were able to "tune" the color of their own workstations, to point and to circle artifacts and anomalies in the prepared slides, and to capture images digitally for further use and archiving.

After the second product demonstration, the team moved forward with implementing the system, with a planned "go live" date of mid-summer 2014. However, within a week of this decision, RMT received a call from the project manager at BMU; the department wanted to move the go live date to December 1, 2013 – an ambitious plan given BMU's exceedingly complex digital network configuration.

Upon reviewing the plan, RMT committed to making the revised date. The BMU telepathology implementation plan called for multiple phases. Each milestone was met and BMU's pathologists threw the switch on December 1, 2013.