



## **Russia Hospitals Making Good Progress Toward Adopting Core IT Solutions Despite Budget Constraints, Says IDC**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**, Prague – Healthcare providers in Central and Eastern Europe, despite many challenges including budget constraints and IT security concerns, are making solid efforts toward adopting information and communication technologies (ICTs). As one example, a survey conducted by IDC Health Insights in Russia found that hospitals located in medium-sized and large cities have progressed considerably in the adoption of healthcare-specific applications, such as electronic medical records, laboratory information systems, radiology information systems, and picture archiving and communications systems. Telehealth and telemedicine solutions are also gaining traction, slowly but steadily.

IT investments by local healthcare providers continue to be mainly driven by the evolving regulations and policies relating to the use of information technologies in Russia's healthcare sector. Improving quality of care and patient safety and increasing productivity and efficiency will also be key drivers of IT spending by hospitals. Improving compliance with healthcare laws and regulations, enhancing security of information and systems security, and upgrading IT infrastructure represent the leading IT-spending priorities for Russia hospitals for the near-term future.

"While Russian hospitals are making considerable progress toward the adoption of core industry-specific solutions, IT innovation and digital transformation plans are significantly hampered by budget deficits and workforce constraints, including those related to staff resistance to organizational change and a lack of the necessary skills and competencies," says Nino Giguashvili, lead analyst at IDC Health Insights, IDC CEMA. "Nevertheless, IT innovation is high on the agendas of hospital CIOs, and opportunities for growth are on the horizon, particularly in the areas of enterprise mobility and telehealth, as well as IoT-enabled solutions for hospital asset management."

A recent report by IDC Health Insights entitled [Russia Hospital IT Trends Survey: Drivers, Adoption Trends, Challenges, and Investment Priorities](#) (IDC #CEMA42703117, September, 2017) highlights the results of IDC Health Insights IT trends Survey of general and acute care hospitals in Russia. The survey explored key market drivers, IT investment trends, plans, and budgets, and barriers impacting the adoption of both conventional technologies (core back-end management applications and industry-specific solutions) and 3rd Platform technologies (cloud, mobility, social media, and Big Data analytics). The survey also examined current efforts and

plans related to IT innovation and digital transformation (DX) in the surveyed hospitals, as well as the key barriers to innovation and DX.

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