

Small Town, Big Tech: Simplifying Our Healthcare Technology with Nutanix

The Situation

Wherever there are people, there are medical needs, and McCook Community Hospital, a 25-bed, critical care facility, strives to meet the needs of its rural community. McCook provides services, including acute emergency care and long-term services, to more than 30,000 people in southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas. They do whatever they can to stay competitive with the service outcomes of larger, better-funded facilities. But their lackluster IT environment meant they were increasingly unable to respond to the needs of their users.

The Problem

- There was a great deal of inconsistency between various desktops
- Hardware failure due to fried hard drives or motherboards
- Static desktops limited the ability of medical staff to move around the hospital without information disruptions

Nutanix to the Rescue

Reasons McCook Community Hospital chose Nutanix:

- Genuine and personal communication style
- VDI solution could handle the high demands of the patient wing
- Nutanix Move prevented downtime and simplified the migration process
- AHV environment provides powerful amount of flexibility

The Impact

- More efficient management and administration
- Medical professionals can focus on patients instead of worrying about accessing information
- Cut maintenance costs exponentially and saved a lot of money on hardware

Flexibility is vitally important in healthcare, and Nutanix has made McCook Community Hospital more versatile in many ways. Doctors and nurses can go in and out of patient rooms throughout the hospital with minimal disruptions, and the system is low maintenance enough that one person can manage it. Users don't experience anywhere near as much downtime, and IT has the flexibility to run any virtual machine they need. McCook Community Hospital may be small, but in some ways, they're pioneers, running technology light years ahead of other facilities.



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I have been in IT for 15 years, and I have never managed an easier system than Nutanix.

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Situations can change fast in a hospital and Nutanix has given us the most efficient information delivery mechanisms possible.

