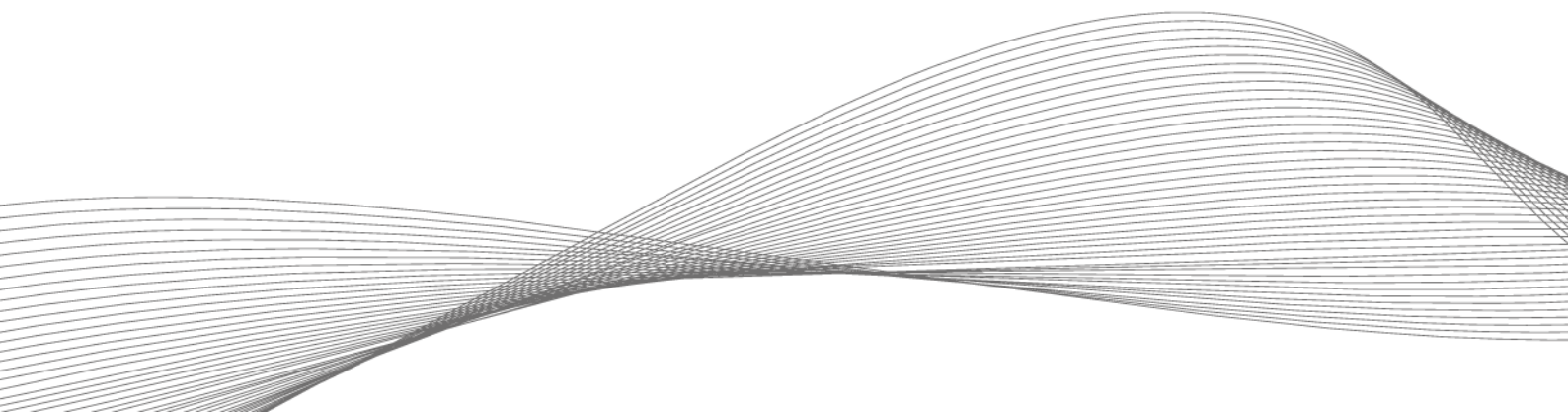


Authentication: Security and efficiency in the smart hospital



In smart hospitals, access control and the associated authentication ensure patient safety, data integrity and efficient processes. Thanks to a consistent system, access, security and convenience are standardized for everyone—a benefit for patients, visitors and staff.



Modern access control: The heart of the smart hospital

Operators of healthcare facilities face the daily challenge of reconciling safety and efficiency. Above all, access to operating theaters must be quick and uncomplicated, while access to patient files and medication must be regulated. At the same time, it is important that common areas such as cafeterias are easily accessible for patients and their visitors. This is why smart hospitals rely on advanced authentication and access control systems that not only optimize daily hospital operations, but also provide a high level of IT security. With the increasing threat of cyberattacks, implementing robust IT security measures is essential to effectively protect hospitals. These strategic steps go a long way towards not only improving operational efficiency, but also ensuring a high level of security for patient data and privacy. In doing so, they support the fundamental goal of smart hospitals: to create a safe, efficient and patient-centered environment.

Smart Access: A solution that combines everything

Many hospitals have a confusing and complex system landscape of different access and authentication solutions that are specially tailored to the needs of different user groups and application areas. This diversity may appear flexible at first glance, but it also leads to considerable security risks, inefficiencies and increased administration costs.

The implementation of an integrated access system represents a significant simplification for all users and increases operational efficiency throughout the healthcare system. By saving time, healthcare professionals such as doctors and nurses can provide higher quality patient care—an important consideration given the existing shortage of skilled staff. As well as increasing safety and convenience for all involved, the uniform system ensures compliance with relevant security and data protection standards. But how can theory be put into practice?

RFID: A game changer in the smart hospital

With a modern authentication solution based on RFID and mobile technologies, as offered by the authentication specialist ELATEC, these supposedly contradictory requirements can be reconciled. A standardized system for user authentication offers a number of advantages.

- **Simplicity and user-friendliness:** Many hospital employees are already in possession of RFID cards, which are typically used for building access and can easily be extended to other applications. This universal applicability greatly simplifies daily operations. In addition, smartphone-based authentication systems allow flexible use of personal devices for access to different areas and resources of the facility.
- **Flexibility and adaptability:** A universal reader, compatible with all common RFID standards and mobile identification systems, enables seamless harmonization of access control mechanisms across different areas without the need to change existing primary identification and access systems. The easy configurability of the readers enables agile adaptation if the preferred transponder technology changes, guaranteeing a flexible and future-proof security system.
- **Increased security:** The reliable identification of users via RFID and mobile systems significantly increases security within the facility. The risk of loss or misuse of access data is significantly reduced compared to conventional passwords or keys. In addition, encrypted data transmission and the option of combining RFID with biometric data offer a high level of security.
- **Compliance and regulatory conformity:** Compliance with strict regulations on data security and patient protection is supported by the use of RFID technologies. Systems must be designed in such a way that they enable seamless recording and documentation of all access in order to meet legal requirements.
- **Reliability:** RFID cards offer a contactless, reliable access solution that is unaffected by physical or magnetic interference. Compared to other authentication methods, such as biometric procedures, they are characterized by high reliability, even under difficult conditions.

Overall, RFID and related technologies represent a future-proof solution that not only improves efficiency and safety in healthcare facilities, but also provides seamless, user-friendly access for all stakeholders.

ID cards vs. digital technologies: Which is better?

The choice between RFID cards and mobile credentials in hospitals and clinics depends on the specific requirements and operating environment. RFID cards are a proven solution if staff already use such cards or if not all users have smartphones. They are also ideal in environments where smartphones are not permitted for security reasons.

RFID wristbands are particularly suitable for patients to simplify administrative processes, especially during admission, and for staff who require hands-free access. Mobile solutions, on the other hand, are suitable if access is to be limited in time and can also reduce the administrative burden as users can use their own devices.

The combination of RFID and mobile technologies can provide a flexible and comprehensive access control solution that meets the diverse needs of healthcare facilities and creates a secure and user-friendly environment.

ELATEC: Your partner for universal access solutions

With a modern authentication solution based on RFID and mobile technologies, ELATEC offers flexible and secure access systems that are specially tailored to the requirements of modern healthcare facilities. The products are characterized by their compatibility with a wide range of transponder technologies and mobile communication standards, enabling seamless integration into existing systems. The benefits of partnering with ELATEC include not only the technical versatility and future-proofing of the solutions, but also the expertise and support of an experienced team. This commitment ensures that healthcare facilities can benefit from enhanced security, improved user convenience and optimized efficiency, while ensuring compliance with strict data protection and security regulations.

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