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## **BYOD** is Now Pervasive



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# As Wi-Fi Becomes Primary Access NW...





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### **New Requirements for Uninterrupted Wi-Fi**



- Each mobile device receives fair share of the bandwidth
- Total bandwidth stays consistent regardless of density



- No clients drop Wi-Fi connections during failover
- Fast enough recovery for Lync calls to stay connected
- Reduced cost with N+1 redundancy design



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### Memphis Regional Medical Center (The MED)

#### Requirements

- High quality over Wi-Fi for real-time time Voice
- Always available access to clinical data
- High density of Wi-Fi devices

### Solution

- WLAN design for high-availability with redundant Aruba Mobility Controllers
- High client density and fast client roaming with Aruba AP-135 access points

### Result

- Resilient connectivity to bedside mobile workstations (BMWs)
- Reduction in network downtime and IT maintenance costs for WLAN





# About The MED

- Level 1 Trauma Facility Serving a 150 mile radius covering 5 states
- Centers of Excellence
  - Trauma
  - Burn
  - Neonatal Intensive Care
  - High Risk Obstetrics
- Primary and Specialty care services through 35 Outpatient Clinics
- Academic Medical Center for University of Tennessee
- Over 50% of the UT physicians go through The MED



### **Challenges that Needed To Be Addressed**

- Lack of Wi-Fi Coverage in Critical Areas like the Emergency Department
  - Poor Wi-Fi Performance impacts patients stay in ED
  - ED has limited space for wired desktops
  - New wireless needed to be reliable for sustained patient throughput
- Interpreters unable to use electronic process
  - Poor Wi-Fi performance forced interpreters to paper process
  - New system had to provide sustained coverage walking to & from all buildings (6)
- Future Medhost system used by ED required redesigned wireless
  - Multicast design required high speed, high reliability for system stability
  - Real time updates on patients movement between the system
  - Go-Live December 2011
- Wi-Fi interference
- Clinicians wouldn't trust wireless devices
- Unable to deploy additional mobile devices when customers request it
- Complex legacy system required too much of IT's time



# **Goals of New Design**

- Blanket organization with strong and high performing Wi-Fi
  - Use Airwave tool as method to strategically place AP's for optimal coverage
- Support triple the number of wireless devices for future Health Information System going live October 2012.
  - Providers will go from paper to paperless with CPOE
- Improve IT's management tools
- Implement a scalable solution as institution grows
  - Facility Growth (new buildings, renovations etc..)
  - Facilitate a growing number of mobile devices for both clinical and non clinical employees and guests
- Provide easy to use "Guest Access" for Patients and Family Members so they can get online as quickly as possible
- Limit downtime of wireless system
- Implement reliable system that customers trust!



### **Implementation and Hardware/Software Design**

#### **Implementation**

- Implementation took 4 months to complete
- Replaced 250 legacy Access Points
- Added an additional 250 Aruba Access Points
- Dual mode configuration of Cisco/Aruba during implementation period

#### Hardware & Software Design

- 700 Devices Controlling the Edge Network
  - 200 Switches
  - 500 Aruba AP-135 Access Points
  - 2 Wireless LAN Controllers (6,000 series)
- Aruba ClearPass
  - ClearPass Guest
  - ClearPass Policy Manager
- Aruba Airwave



### **Evaluation & Testing in MED Surg and Radiology**

#### Test Environment

- Aruba Controller and Airwave Server
- ClearPass Guest Server
- 14 Aruba Access Points
- Legacy equipment was removed

#### Test process

- Worked with Managers in each unit to discuss customers reaction and satisfaction
- IT performed intensive bandwidth and latency tests in each unit
- IT used Airwave to assist in managing environment
- Internal testing of ClearPass Guest

#### <u>Results</u>

- Managers extremely happy with results. Users on these units were able to use BMW's without dropped connections
- Customer satisfaction increased!



### **Benchmark Test Results** Wi-Fi Performance with High Density



### **Total AP Throughput**

- Adaptive Radio Management<sup>™</sup> (ARM)  $\geq$ ensures equal access for all clients, regardless of type, capability or operating system.
- **Consistent** total performance in spite of increasing device density

# 120 104Mbps

**Total AP Throughput** 

- 100 80 Smartphones 60 Tablets 40 Laptops 20 0 Aruba AP-135
- No client is starved while every client is ensured best throughput possible, even with 60 clients



### **Benchmark Test Results** High Availability for Clients & Applications

Wi-Fi Connections During Failover





Real-time application survivability during controller failover

- Zero dropped Wi-Fi connections during failover, out of 60
- Fast recovery for WLAN controller and APs

 Zero dropped real-time applications: Microsoft Lync, Apple FaceTime, and video streaming



# Mobile Apps on Aruba Wi-Fi



- ✓ Single SSID Wi-Fi network
- ✓ QoS management per app
- ✓ Optimized Wi-Fi per app



### Example: Microsoft Lync





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### **Aruba Wi-Fi Benefits**

### **Ready for Highest Density**

No group of mobile devices monopolize shared Wi-Fi resources at expense of others.

### **Ready for Mission Critical Networks**

Mobility controllers recover fast enough for high density of clients and mobile apps to stay connected.

### **Ready for UC & Collaboration Tools**

Voice & video streams are automatically prioritized over the air and protected during controller failover.











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