

World's Largest Implementation of Speech Recognition Begins

Philips SpeechMagic will be installed throughout the Paris network of 39 public hospitals (AP-HP). The implementation phase will last until 2010. The deployment will give the city the world's most advanced system for the creation of health-care documents, and the project will involve 12,000 physicians and 3,000 medical secretaries. [Royal Philips Electronics](#) announced the project on July 19.

SpeechMagic's installation will be performed as part of the use of DictaPlus 5 dictation and reporting throughout the Paris AP-HP hospital system. The project is expected to reduce waiting times for patients and improve turnaround times for medical reports. One hospital in the system that has used DictaPlus and SpeechMagic in its radiology department for the past 4 years indicates that its report-turnaround times have dropped from 4 days to a few hours. Overall, speech recognition typically yields a reduction in turnaround times of 50% to 90% in hospital settings.