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vitagroup's digital health platform EHRbase reaches over 400 subscribers in just 5 months

Strong global uptake signals growing demand for open, interoperable digital health infrastructure

vitagroup today announced that its open-source digital health platform, EHRbase, has reached a significant milestone – over 400 active subscribers in just five months since launching its open sandbox environment. The rapid uptake reflects increasing interest from healthcare innovators, developers, and system architects in building digital health solutions on open, standards-based platforms.

Mannheim, Germany (15.05.2025) “The uptake has been incredible,” said Dr. Birger Haarbrandt, vitagroup's Head of Technology Advisory & Consulting. “It confirms that there is a growing shift toward a data-first approach that places structured clinical information at the core of digital transformation. Our open source server accelerates innovation and enables the creation of an ecosystem of apps developed by different vendors based on the same data foundation.”

Why it matters?

Open platform such as vitagroup's EHRbase offer two critical advantages, says Dr. Ian McNicoll, CEO of freshEHR Clinical Informatics and director of the openEHR Foundation: they enable rapid adoption of innovations without engineering effort, and they give healthcare providers direct control over their data models.

“Changes to the data management/API layer – for example, to support innovations like Pharmacogenetics – are model-driven,” Dr. McNicoll explains. “Updates to the Clinical Data Repository (CDR) become usable immediately, without extra database or API engineering. In contrast, typical EPR systems, even when using standards like FHIR, usually require significant rework to handle new types of clinical information.”

In terms of data models control, he adds: “Because model changes can be applied directly to the datastore without engineering effort, healthcare providers gain full control over their data model, a role traditionally held by the datastore provider.”

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Who are EHRbase subscribers?

The subscribers represent a diverse range of profiles from different countries including Germany, the UK, the Nordics and the Netherlands. They include:

- Digital health developers and solution architects
- Hospitals testing next-generation health IT infrastructure
- Startups building apps for clinical workflows, patient records, or care coordination
- Public health bodies exploring standards-based data layers

Their primary use of EHRbase includes:

- Education
- Proof of Concepts
- Application Development

By offering a free and accessible entry point into openEHR, vitagroup is lowering the barrier to adopt open standards – and inviting a new generation of health tech builders to work with structured, future-ready clinical data.

To support new users and promote broader adoption of openEHR, vitagroup will host a series of four live webinars starting this summer. The series is designed to provide both an introduction to openEHR and practical guidance on working with EHRbase.

>> [Register for the webinars here.](#)

If you would like to try out EHRbase, just go this page: **<https://www.ehrbase.org>**

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About vitagroup

At vitagroup, more than 300 specialists across Europe are transforming healthcare through advanced technology and intelligent digital services. With our Health Intelligence Platform (HIP), vitagroup offers an open healthcare data platform that supports hospitals, regional, and national healthcare systems by providing instant access to critical rich data. Built on open standards that separate data from applications, HIP enables healthcare organisations to deliver data-driven patient care. Currently, vitagroup works with over 70 hospitals, more than 1,000 clinics and institutions, as well as regions to unlock the data in the healthcare system and make it available for direct care and research.

About EHRbase

EHRbase is an open-source backend that supports structured, application-independent clinical data based on openEHR standards. By separating data from applications, EHRbase enables interoperability, long-term data reusability, and a faster path to clinical innovation.

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