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Over 6 million Retinal Images on Digital Healthcare systems

November saw record numbers of diabetic patients screened for retinopathy through the 39 regional Diabetic Retinal Screening Schemes that use Digital Healthcare's OptoMize software product to manage the screening process.

Diabetics are at high risk for vision loss or blindness due to diabetic retinopathy, a condition in which bleeding inside the eye causes retinal damage.

In the UK, the National Screening Programme looks to screen all diabetic patients annually to detect early and previously undiagnosed signs of diabetic retinopathy and other causes of blindness. In November, through schemes that use OptoMize, over 65,000 patients were screened and over 250,000 retinal images were captured.

Since the first Diabetic Retinal Screening Programme went live using OptoMize software in 2005 Digital Healthcare calculate that over 6 million retinal images have been taken.

Kevin McDonnell, General Manager at Digital Healthcare, commented "Seeing record numbers of patients screened for previously undetected signs of eye disease is proof positive of the effectiveness of the National Screening Programme. We are delighted that our products are playing such an active role."

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About Digital Healthcare:

Digital Healthcare provides software and related services for very large scale population eye screening and technology to manage information and images in clinical ophthalmology. In the UK care of over 1million diabetic patients is managed using Digital Healthcare's OptoMize product with 39 regional Diabetic Retinal Screening Schemes providing screening to their patient populations to detect early and previously undiagnosed signs of diabetic retinopathy and other causes of blindness.

In the US the Company's Retasure service to detect signs of retinopathy in diabetic patients is used by nearly 900 physicians in 19 states. Digital Healthcare's OcuLab product is used by some of the World's leading Ophthalmology Departments, including The Wilmer Institute in Baltimore MD, to integrate clinical instruments and distribute information across their institutions.

Digital Healthcare's award winning products are built on Microsoft's .Net and SQL Server technologies delivering powerful, scalable functionality in a secure and future proof environment.