

# Case study

## AROONA strengthens staff efficiency and quality of care



### The customer's issue

The Dracy-le-Fort orthopedic center deployed digitization of patient records, a shared storage server, connected medical equipment and imaging systems. As a result, it is facing high volumes of data traffic throughout its entire network. The 250m [820 ft] OM2 fiber optic link, situated between the main building and the rehabilitation building, is limited to 1 Gb/s and in need of an upgrade. In addition, having few available fibers, the center wishes to multiplex in order to increase network capacity, without disrupting services or causing work-related disturbances.

### The **AROONA** solution

CAILabs' AROONA-P2P passive solution makes it possible to restore the existing fiber link, all the while respecting the particular constraints of a health facility. The number of links is multiplied by 4: services continue to run as usual and the absence of work prevents dust and various disturbances. All this makes AROONA-P2P more advantageous than fiber redeployment.

### The benefits of the solution

**4 x 10 Gb/s** instead of being limited to 1 Gb/s

**Respects the upgrade project budget**, as opposed to fiber redeployment

**3-hour installation time**, without interrupting services and without dust

### New digital services for improving quality of care

The Dracy-le-Fort orthopedic center is a private medical-surgical establishment that has been operating since 1976, specializing in orthopedics, neurosurgery and ophthalmology. It ranks among the **top 20 out of French hospitals and clinics** for many surgical specialties.

In an effort to continually improve the quality of care it provides and conserve its image as a leading establishment, the center has invested in **connected medical equipment and services, all of which require high bandwidth**. This equipment, as well as the business applications used by the various medical teams and the Digitized Patient File (which centralizes the information of each patient) must be **accessible at all times from every service and building in the center**.

The orthopedic center is **spread out across two buildings, with OM2 (50/125 μm) old-generation multi-mode optical fibers that are limited to 1 Gb/s**.

The IT department is being confronted with a situation in which the speed required to effectively manage this high volume of network traffic and provide new treatment methods is much higher than the maximum bandwidth of the multi-mode optical fibers that make up the network links.

## Difficult redeployment in hospitals

The orthopedic center's most limited link connects the network core, located in the main building, to a secondary building, 250 meters [820 ft] away, where post-acute care and rehabilitation take place.

An **OM2 fiber pair of this length can only support 1 Gb/s**, which is not sufficient for use of business applications and instant access to patients' computerized medical records.

Moreover, this pair of limited fibers crosses over a parking lot separating the two buildings. In order to deploy new optical fibers, civil engineering would be required since there aren't any available cable ducts. Therefore, deploying new single-mode optical fibers does not seem to be a viable solution for the center.



Upgraded multimode fibers 250 meters [820 ft]

Given the large distance between the two buildings and the parking lot separating them, installing new fibers would have been costly, required several days of long work and caused significant disturbances (noise, dust). This is

not an option for the center, as its services must remain operational all times in order to serve patients.

## Dematerialization made easy for improved quality of care

Thanks to the AROONA-P2P passive solution, the upgrade of the limited fiber links was completed in 3 hours, without disturbances or interrupting services. **The budget has been respected for the entire upgrade project**, unlike the deployment of new-generation optical fibers.

The AROONA-P2P solution helped support the Dracy-le-Fort orthopedic center's dematerialization project by falling within the renovation budget and keeping disturbances to a minimum.

The multiplexing desired by the client has been realized: the upgraded multi-mode fibers now carry **4 x 10 Gb/s over a pair of old-generation multi-mode fibers that had previously been limited to 1 Gb/s**. The rate at which data can be transmitted has been multiplied by a factor of 40. Patient information is now easily communicated from one building to another 24 hours a day for all types of medical procedures and diagnoses. The subsequent increase in bit rate meets the current needs of the Dracy-le-Fort orthopedic center and will enable other connected services to be installed in the future in the name of continually improving client satisfaction.

## Improved network infrastructure for our partner

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Sochaleg, one of the key players in the Saône-et-Loire region for high voltage and low voltage installations for industrial and commercial clients, provides its clients with specific, innovative solutions. Sochaleg contacted CAILabs to see whether AROONA could potentially resolve the issue at the Dracy-le-Fort orthopedic center. **AROONA-P2P** ended up being the ideal solution and allowed the multi-mode fiber infrastructure to be recycled by while simultaneously **increasing its capacity to carry very high speeds**.

## Harness the full potential of optical fibers

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