

# Find cloud nine with Epic on Azure NetApp Files



Manage patient data with  
enterprise-class data control  
and the flexibility and  
cost-efficiency of cloud.

 **NetApp**

The pandemic greatly accelerated digital innovation across the healthcare sector. At the same time, many healthcare organizations have come under intense cost pressures. The question facing healthcare leaders is how these technologies might be leveraged to smartly increase operational efficiency and drive down costs.

One major opportunity area where healthcare businesses can achieve this is through modernizing their technology infrastructure. Reducing reliance on physical data centers on-prem and moving computing and infrastructure operations to the cloud is one of the most effective ways this can be done. However, until now, there have been no cloud solutions that can keep up with the performance requirements of Epic. But Azure NetApp Files is making that a reality.

**Healthcare businesses  
increased cloud investment by**

**11%**

**in the second  
quarter of 2020**

*Source: Deloitte, 2021*

## The challenge

Currently, Epic customers who use on-prem solutions can be spending millions on implementation alone. This not only includes the up-front software and infrastructure costs, but the continual cost of having IT teams that maintain the application too.

Implementation is not just a simple one-time investment, either. Epic customers must update and invest in their infrastructure every quarter to meet Epic Honor Roll requirements and avoid mounting performance and reliability issues. The continual treadmill of infrastructure upgrades, combined with the hundreds of applications that integrate with Epic, becomes a huge burden for IT teams to manage.

Epic customers need infrastructure that can deliver reliability, speed, compliance, and security, but most importantly cost efficiency. Moving to the cloud can bring significant benefits, such as elimination of operational redundancies and improved insights into data. Above all, it allows for more flexible IT resource consumption models and more effective cost management.





# The solution

Numerous leading healthcare providers and organizations depend on NetApp to store patient data and medical images reliably and efficiently. Epic on Azure NetApp Files can help you to deliver high-quality patient care by providing powerful, integrated hardware and software solutions that allow fast, cost-effective, and scalable storage.

Epic on Azure NetApp Files is a cloud solution designed to enable healthcare organizations to move away from an on-prem approach where they have to constantly acquire and maintain the hardware, software and staff. A cloud-first approach gives real-time, easy-to-use remote access to data, and lets you pay only for the storage you use, alongside reduced application development time.

All of which lead to a significant reduction in time and money spent on maintaining and updating your Epic infrastructure, enabling you to become as streamlined as possible and channel those savings into patient care.



## Simplified deployments

Simple Azure deployment means no storage-centric knowledge is needed to deploy enterprise storage in the cloud. Deployments can be managed directly from the Azure portal or automated with AzureCLI. Simplifying your app deployment and management experience directly results in time and cost savings that would have gone on maintaining and updating your infrastructure.



## Efficient data operations

Built-in advanced data management tools let you eliminate storage bottlenecks and gain access to faster storage, leading to more efficient use of compute. You can also choose between multiple service levels to match your costs to your application needs. Using Azure NetApp Files in the cloud enables you to reduce the total cost of your Epic application environments.

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