

Press Release

INWIT: over 40 hospitals with 5G ready coverage 21,000 hospital beds covered in just two years, for an ever more digital and sustainable country

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Rome 25 July 2022 – Hospitals increasingly advanced technologically thanks to INWIT. In the last two years, over 40 hospitals, with a total of over 21,000 beds, have signed an agreement with INWIT, Italy's leading tower operator, to provide DAS (Distributed Antenna System) microantenna coverage, a system fully compatible with the 5G network. The hospitals that have chosen to be connected include both private and public facilities, equally distributed across the country. In the north, the majority of the connected structures are located in Lombardy, in central Italy they are mainly in Lazio, while in the south, Calabria is in first place.

The infrastructure, which is visually inconspicuous, offers patients and healthcare professionals the opportunity to enjoy a stable and fast connection to the main mobile networks at maximum performance, even indoors, where, under normal circumstances, the signal struggles to make it. The latest technologies applied to the healthcare sector have a huge potential to improve performance and speed up healthcare management. The advent of 5G will also act as a driving force for the development of the IoT, the Internet of Things, allowing a further leap forward in patient care, simplifying remote diagnosis and making remote surgery possible.

The installation of DAS has already proved to be of great help, especially in the worst period of the pandemic, giving isolated patients and their families, as well as the entire healthcare staff, a great opportunity to communicate easily.

"We are continuing to work and serve communities, digitalising the country to support telecommunication operators - says **Gabriele Abbagnara**, Head of Marketing & Sales at INWIT -. Coverage for healthcare facilities is important not only to facilitate communication with the outside world, but also to provide access to all the services that can be developed as soon as 5G is available across the country. This infrastructure, which helps to make hospitals more interconnected and digitalised, will allow us all to benefit from an increasingly innovative healthcare service that is closer to patients".

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