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This blog is about my private thoughts on healthcare and IT - Clinical IT. I have been working with IT in 10 years in the healthcare sector both from a project management perspective and from a top management position. I write about The New Odense University Hospital and how we plan the digital initiatives.

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10 signs that you are practising POSIWID

I think I'll go for a "Ten signs that.." post of my site. I have never done it, but it seems very popular and a nice way of constraining yourself on the amount of words.

POSIWID: *(The) Purpose Of the System Is [expressed in] what It Does*, is a methodology that are in use within the healthcare sector a lot and has been the main method for decades when acquiring IT. In Denmark we have an average of 5.2 on the **EMRAM** scale and it has been widely acknowledged, that the more IT the better. We have designed evaluated and implemented tons of pilot systems within the healthcare and often they succeed in a small functional area (like radiology) or the projects shuts down before the IT system is widely implemented in the entire organization. Some of it has to do with the fact, that when the system is acquired its main argument was either it is a new and different system that we must try out or the system is acquired based on the functionality alone and not on the business processes it must support. In other words POSIWID is the primary methodology and not a very good one to be honest.

So here goes: 10 signs that you are practising POSIWID:

1. Your organization identifies a business function or area that lacks digitalization and immediately buys a IT system to support it.
2. IT systems are required without concerns to the existing IT landscape
3. The business functions and processes are not adequate understood before a IT system is acquired
4. The business domains need for data streams between existing IT systems and the new is not mapped and understood prior to acquiring the new IT system
5. An IT system is acquired on the basis of functionality or high level visionary models (that has no meaning in real life) as IT roadmaps or The digital highway etc.
6. The IT system is acquired based on an assumption, that more IT is always better then less or none.
7. The existing IT landscape is not considered a crucial part to understand, before a new system is acquired.
8. The business strategy, business models now and in the future does not affect the decision or the prioritizing of a new IT system.
9. The IT department decides alone to acquire the new IT system and make an narrow analysis on how the system functionality can be used in the specific business area.

10. The IT department does not use the principles of EA or the EA organization and frameworks are regarded only as IT relevant and rooted deep within the IT department.

Remember IT is also about the business and not only about IT. It's time to really accept that fact and make it a defining factor. EA (as **TOGAF**) is a well-defined, structured and well-acknowledged way to go – that we do not use it widespread in the healthcare sector is beyond me.

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