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Robert Hardie also organizes the South East Podiatric Surgery Forum, and contributes his expertise to publications throughout the country. Being organized and self-managed is very important when consulting in so many different types of environments.

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Working as a consultant for the National Health Service and the Phoenix Private Hospital in the United Kingdom takes a lot of personal and professional management acumen. The NHS is the biggest employer in Europe, with well over 1.3 million employees. The Phoenix Hospital is a private medical facility that specializes in cutting edge day care surgery, medical services, and technology.

Since switching over to an iMac, Robert started using MINDMAP and ConceptDraw PRO for professional and personal uses.

“By starting each day opening MINDMAP, I am able to retrieve all important documents, tasks, and information quick and easy!” says Robert Hardie.

Robert uses MINDMAP to organize all of his various documents, record brainstorming sessions and notes, and plan important events.

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Industry:

Medical Consultant

Location:

United Kingdom

Challenge:

Maintain organization and self-management to successfully consult in multi-faceted medical roles and environments.

Toolkit:

ConceptDraw[®] MINDMAP ConceptDraw[®] PRO

Solution:

Retrieve all important documents, tasks, and information in a quick and easy manner. Group documents functionally rather than the standard alphabetically. Hyperlink files for easy cross-reference needs. Efficiently document and link ideas with related topics to view “big picture” of multiple projects and goals.

Benefits:

Given the capability to organize both professional and personal aspects of work, the freedom of being your own boss is nearly effortless.

"I can group documents functionally, rather than alphabetically as most 'file-managers' do." He explains, "I can use hyperlinks to the files, irrespective of what file type they are or what program they run in. I also utilize MINDMAP as a fast method for getting ideas down when brainstorming. It is easy to move information around to organize them."

Planning events and tasks is also easy with MINDMAP. Large amounts of information can be put down in a quick and concise manner. Robert adds, "Being able to link maps is great when all your maps get too tangled up with each other."

MINDMAP is also an efficient way of getting words and ideas down without needing to spend time thinking about proper grammar or if your sentences are written correctly. The ability to link topics and ideas together is a great way for medical professionals such as Robert to see the "big" picture of a project or goal in a visually comprehensive way.

"Features that set it apart for me include the Freehand tool. Being able to click and drag makes everything really fast and easy!" Robert states, "It looks great and the clip art and icons really make it visually attractive. Saving maps as templates is also really good for 'reusing' maps."

By using MINDMAP and ConceptDraw PRO, Robert Hardie is able to organize and manage his professional and personal life while giving him the freedom to be his own boss. ■

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