

Press release

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Breast screening centers in UK to improve service with region-wide PACS solution from Sectra

Fast and highly efficient reading of screening mammograms will improve the breast screening service to the women in the Kent region in UK. This will be achieved with a region-wide IT-solution, Sectra Breast Imaging PACS, managing all breast images from 270,000 examinations done each year by three breast screening centers in Kent.

By linking the hospitals' mammography operations together, an efficient flow of images and information is created throughout the Kent region, making the day-to-day work of the radiologist easier. The end-to-end mammography solution will manage breast images from the three centres and the mobile MicroDose Mammography units that were recently introduced at the Maidstone breast screening service to increase the availability of the service to the women.

"Sectra demonstrated regional systems similar to what we want to achieve across Kent, proving that the Sectra Breast Imaging PACS works well over a distributed environment. In this situation it was vital that the PACS had the ability to incorporate all our existing modality workstations and information systems into a single solution. The workstation functionality was also impressive. Sectra have been extremely flexible in their approach to meet our requirements," says Mike Taplow, PACS Manager, Maidstone Hospital.

Sectra Breast Imaging PACS features a unique patented technology which makes a region-wide solution like this feasible. It combines ultra-fast mammography workflow with freedom to read from remote locations while maintaining full productivity, resulting in efficient retrieval of medical image data of any dimension and complexity from any hospital site.

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About Sectra

Sectra develops and sells IT systems and products for radiology, mammography and orthopaedics. More than 1,100 hospitals, clinics and imaging centers worldwide use the systems daily, together performing over 52 million radiology examinations annually. This makes Sectra one of the world-leading companies within systems for handling digital radiology images. In Scandinavia, Sectra is the market leader with more than 50% of all film-free installations. Sectra's systems have been installed in North America, Scandinavia and most major countries in Europe and the Far East.

Sectra was founded in 1978 and has its roots in Linköping University in Sweden. The company's business operation includes cutting-edge products and services within the niche segments of medical systems and secure communication systems. Sectra has offices in 12 countries and operates through partners worldwide. Sales in the 2009/2010 fiscal year totaled SEK 848 million. The Sectra share is quoted on the NASDAQ OMX Stockholm AB exchange. For more information, visit www.sectra.com

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