

Sectra provides PACS to BreastScreen New South Wales in Australia

BreastScreen NSW, part of the BreastScreen Australia national breast screening program, has invested in a PACS for breast imaging from the IT and medical technology company Sectra. The system will be installed at the BreastScreen NSW Central Reading Facility in Sydney.

Sectra's breast imaging PACS (Picture Archiving and Communication System) is a complete image management system for processing and archiving of all digital images used in mammography. The system will permit the radiologists at the BreastScreen NSW Central Reading Facility to perform reading of images taken at NSW screening centers productively, cost-effectively and securely without compromising diagnostic quality or patient integrity.

Sectra won a highly competitive tender to provide PACS to BreastScreen NSW. It was chosen as the successful company partly on the basis of the effectiveness of the Sectra PACS in the mammographic screening context. Sectra looks forward to integrating the Sectra PACS with the five different digital mammographic units that are being installed across New South Wales to ensure the maximum benefit achieved from this new technology.

The government-funded breast screening program in New South Wales performs approximately 250,000 mammograms every year. Following a successful trial, the introduction of digital mammography in BreastScreen NSW has started and the Australian market for digital mammography systems is substantial.

"BreastScreen NSW is committed to saving women's lives and a pioneer in using digital mammography in a screening environment in Australia. BreastScreen NSW's choice of Sectra PACS to handle their extensive requirements further shows that we have a world-leading product. We are convinced that our mammography system will benefit the development of digital imaging in the national breast screening program," says Henk Scholte, Managing Director of Sectra ANZ.

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About BreastScreen NSW

BreastScreen NSW is a part of the national program for the early detection of breast cancer, BreastScreen Australia. It is a free breast screening service that targets women aged 50 – 69 years. This government-funded service aims to detect breast cancer in its early stages, when treatment can be most effective.

BreastScreen NSW has a network of local services across New South Wales including 40 regional centers and 16 screening vans that continually tour and service remote areas and specific communities within NSW.

For more information about BreastScreen NSW, please visit www.bsnsww.org.au.



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About Sectra's medical operations

Sectra, the recipient of the 2004 Frost & Sullivan Medical Imaging Company of the Year Award, is one of today's major diagnostic imaging providers. More than 700 hospitals worldwide use Sectra's system performing over 30 million radiology examinations per year. Sectra's core business is delivering top-of-the-line, high-availability, robust enterprise diagnostic imaging for 24/7 operation. In Scandinavia, Sectra is the market leader with more than 50% of all film-free installations. The company has a large number of systems installed in most major countries in Europe, the Far East and North America.

Sectra's operations

Sectra, founded 1978, has its roots at the Linköping Institute of Technology in Sweden. Since the mid-1980s, Sectra has successfully conducted development and sales of cutting edge products in expansive niche segments. Today, Sectra operations include medical systems and secure communication systems.

Sectra has offices in eight countries and operates through partners all over the world. Sales for the fiscal year 2004/2005 totaled SEK 456 million. Since March 1999, Sectra's shares have been quoted on the O-list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange. For more information about Sectra, please visit www.sectra.com.

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