

Alingsås Hospital, Sweden, invests in digital imaging system from Sectra

The hospital in Alingsås, Sweden, has signed an agreement with the IT and medical technology company Sectra regarding the digitization of its radiology operations. The hospital is investing SEK 7.5 million in modernizing its radiology department and the agreement covers Sectra's total solution for management of radiology images (PACS) and administration of patient information (RIS).

The order was placed under Sectra's existing framework agreement with the region of Västra Götaland, Sweden, and the digitization lays the groundwork for extended and simplified cooperation with the region's other radiology departments. Alingsås Hospital already uses Sectra's RIS solution and, when the new total solution is introduced, the hospital's radiology activities will be completely paper- and film-free.

"Since we already work with Sectra's administrative systems, coordinating the two radiology systems will entail several synergies. We perceive efficiency gains throughout the entire hospital, since the new system will enable us to increase our patient flow and reduce patient queues," says Ulla Stjernlöf, the director of Alingsås Hospital.

The new system will be installed in 2005. The introduction of digital image processing will facilitate the work of the radiology department and contribute to more efficient and improved healthcare.

"Our goal is to help our customers continue to develop and improve the efficiency of their operations. The digitization of radiology images at Alingsås Hospital is a natural progression of our long-term cooperation with the region's hospitals," says Gösta Tidell, Sales Manager at Sectra Skandinavien AB.



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Sectra's operations

Since the mid-1980s, Sectra has successfully conducted development and sales of high-technology systems and products in expansive niche segments. Sectra's operations include medical systems and secure communication systems. The company's cutting-edge products help customers all around the world to increase healthcare efficiency and to protect sensitive information.

Sectra has its roots at the Linköping Institute of Technology and is one of Sweden's fastest growing high-tech IT companies. Operations are conducted in eight countries with a total of approximately 350 employees. Sales for fiscal year 2003/2004 amounted to SEK 495 million. Since March 1999, Sectra's shares have been quoted on the O list of the Stockholm Exchange.

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