

## Three Norwegian hospitals invest in digital radiology from Sectra

**The IT and medical technology company Sectra has signed a contract with Sørlandet Sykehus HF in Norway. The contract is for the installation of Sectra's system for handling and archiving of digital radiology images (PACS) at three hospitals in the county of Vest-Agder. The order amounts to NOK 6.5 million.**

The hospitals in Kristiansand, Mandal and Flekke fjord will be installing Sectra PACS. The order represents an expansion of Sectra's existing agreement, under which Arendal Hospital in the county of Aust-Agder is already using the same system. The digitization will contribute to increased and simplified collaboration between the counties' radiology departments, which after installation will use a common integrated PACS.

"Sectra PACS is the natural choice for the hospitals in Vest-Agder for expanding on the existing system in Arendal. By deploying the same system, we are making patients' radiology images available at all hospitals in the region. This gives us the capability for improved and speedier treatment of our patients and coordination of the hospitals' personnel resources," says Kjetil Nyhus, project leader at Sørlandet Sykehus HF.

Combined, about 200,000 radiology examinations are performed yearly in the two counties of Aust-Agder and Vest-Agder. Digitalization of radiographic images will facilitate work at the radiology departments and contribute to more efficient and improved health care. Installation of the new system will begin in February 2005.

"The order is a natural expansion of our long-term collaboration with the Agder region. We see a trend that more and more regions in Norway are taking advantage of digital technology by implementing a common system for making operations more efficient," says Steinar Hellum, Sales Manager at Sectra Norge AS.



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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 with more than 600 installations worldwide. 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. Internationally, Sectra PACS is marketed and sold through various partners. Through partners, the company has a large number of systems installed in most major countries in Europe, the Far East and North America.

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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 over 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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