

Press release

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Digital mammography order positions BreastCheck, Ireland, to be world's first totally digital breast screening service

The IT and medical-technology company Sectra will deliver Sectra MicroDose Mammography, providing the unmatched lowest radiation dose on the market, to the National Breast Screening program in Ireland. The order from BreastCheck totals over EUR 1.8 million.

BreastCheck uses Sectra PACS for managing and archiving all breast images and has evaluated Sectra MicroDose Mammography since the beginning of 2005. Sectra MicroDose Mammography and other vendor's equipment will be linked into the existing Sectra Breast Imaging PACS. Following an extensive evaluation period, BreastCheck is now committed to the rollout of breast screening throughout Ireland utilizing digital mammography.

“Together with BreastCheck, we have developed a comprehensive digital infrastructure that will now allow them to extend a fully digital breast screening service to all eligible women in the country. It is envisaged that the program will offer this service by the end of 2007. To the best of our knowledge, it will then be the first national breast screening program in the world to have achieved a totally digital service,” says Neil Emery, Commercial Manager for Sectra in Ireland and the United Kingdom.

BreastCheck invites women aged 50-64 for a free breast X-ray examination every two years. The service, which commenced in February 2000, has gradually been expanding from its inception in the Eastern, North Eastern and Midlands areas to now provide a service to all areas of the country. BreastCheck aims to screen more than 100,000 women annually following the deployment of additional equipment, with in excess of 500 cancers being expected to be detected in the first year of screening.

“The decision to purchase Sectra MicroDose Mammography as part of our equipping solution is based on our experience with Sectra's system during the two-year evaluation period. We have been pleased with the reliability and image quality of the systems and expect them to perform just as well in the more demanding environment of mobile screening trailers in which a number of the new systems will operate,” says Niall Phelan, Chief Physicist for BreastCheck.

Safe and efficient mammography throughout Ireland

Sectra's mammography system, Sectra MicroDose Mammography, is based on a unique photon-counting technology - a technique that an increasing number of experts point to as the radiology technology of the future. Sectra MicroDose Mammography provides excellent images and has the decidedly lowest radiation dose of all systems on the market. As a result of the low dose, combined with outstanding ergonomics and customized workflow, mammography nurses and radiologists can work more efficiently and safely, without exposing women to higher radiation than necessary.

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About Sectra's medical operations

Sectra is one of the world's major diagnostic imaging system (PACS) providers. More than 900 hospitals worldwide use the system daily and more than 40 million radiology examinations are diagnosed in Sectra's system annually. In Scandinavia, Sectra is the market leader with more than 50% of all film-free installations. Outside Scandinavia, Sectra's system is installed at customers in North America and most major countries in Europe and the Far East.

About the Sectra Group

Sectra successfully develops and sells cutting-edge products in the expansive niche segments of medical systems and secure communication systems. The company was founded in 1978 and has its roots in the Linköping Institute of Technology in Sweden. Today, Sectra has offices in eleven countries and operates through partners worldwide. Sales in the 2005/2006 fiscal year totalled SEK 564 million. The Sectra share is quoted on the Nordic Exchange in Stockholm. For more information about Sectra visit <http://www.sectra.com>.

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