



# Clinical Solutions Network™

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Commercial Questions

#### **What is the difference between Sectra Medical Interfaces™ and Clinical Application Interface™?**

SMI™ is a wider concept that includes RIS/PASC integration interface and dictation interface. CAI™ is the interfaces that makes it possible to integrate clinical applications to the Sectra PACS workstation.

#### **What companies are members of the Clinical Solutions Network™?**

Every company using SMI™ can become a member of the CSN™ and acquire all the benefits.

#### **Do I have to pay a license fee to Sectra?**

There is no license fee. As long as you are a member of CSN™ you can freely access the Sectra Medical Interfaces™ (SMI™). There is an annual membership fee for CSN™.

#### **What happens when Sectra upgrades the PACS?**

When we evolve the SMI™ we will make sure that we do not remove functionality. As a member you will have early access to information about what changes we are planning. If we would choose to retire one part of the SMI™ we will inform you well in advance.

#### **What about FDA and MDD?**

Sectra takes the necessary measures to ensure that we meet the regulatory requirements for the basic PACS parts. You will have to do the same for the clinical solutions you develop.

#### **Can we design our GUI any way we want?**

Yes, Sectra does not enforce any special way to design your GUI.

#### **Can Sectra help us with testing and validating our application?**

Currently we cannot offer this service.

#### **Will Sectra promote our application?**

Sectra will provide links from the Sectra home page to all commercial members.

### **Will Sectra resell our application?**

Sectra will not automatically resell your application. If you are interested in using Sectra as a reseller please contact Sectra for further discussion.

### **Can we become resellers of Sectra PACS?**

Sectra has a partner program for resellers. For more information on how to become a reseller please contact Sectra for further discussion.

### **Can we borrow the SMI™ to perform a technical evaluation?**

If you sign a non-disclosure agreement you can have access to the specifications for evaluation.

## **Technical Questions – Clinical Application Interface™ (CAI™)**

### **What is an Interface compared to an API?**

Nothing, the CAI™ is in fact an API, CAI™ is the trade mark of the Sectra clinical application API and a part of the wider concept of SMI™.

### **Can a plug-in destroy an image in PACS?**

A plug-in does not have access to alter any data in PACS. If you need to alter an image the only method is to have the plug-in create a new image.

### **Do I have to program in C++?**

Any language can be used as long as it supports COM, for example Visual Basic.

### **Windows NT or Windows 2000?**

Currently we support both Windows NT and Windows 2000. We are focusing on Windows 2000 so the primary platform should be Windows 2000.

### **Can I access all DICOM attributes?**

Yes

### **How can we test our application?**

One of the benefits you get as a Commercial member is access to workstation software to be used for testing.

### **Will my application run on the next version of Sectra PACS?**

Sectra will make every effort to ensure that the interfaces are backward compatible. As a member you will also get access to pre-release for testing.

### **Can Sectra PACS handle all types of DICOM objects?**

Sectra PACS today supports a major part of the DICOM IOD's and we will continue to add to this support. If you have special requirements do not hesitate to discuss them with us. For a detailed list on the supported objects please refer to the DICOM conformance statement found on:  
[http://www.sectra.se/medical/pacs/products/dicom\\_conformance](http://www.sectra.se/medical/pacs/products/dicom_conformance)

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