

Press release

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Belgian women to benefit from mammography examinations with lowest radiation dose on the market

The St Trudo regional hospital in Belgium has invested in the digital mammography system, Sectra MicroDose Mammography, from the IT and medical-technology company Sectra. This is the first Belgian order for Sectra's digital mammography system, which provides the lowest dose on the market.

Early detection of breast cancer saves lives and approximately 2 million Belgian women undergo mammography examinations (both diagnostic and screening procedures) each year. With this order, the St Trudo Hospital will be the first in Belgium to offer women mammography examinations with the lowest radiation dose on the market.

The order also comprises Sectra breast imaging PACS, Sectra's system for processing and archiving of patient data and images. The system will be integrated to the existing hospital image management system and combined with Sectra MicroDose Mammography form a complete digital solution.

"We chose Sectra MicroDose Mammography because we foresee throughput and ergonomic advantages but, most importantly, we will avoid exposing women to higher radiation levels than necessary. This will be of great benefit to the women and also to our practice," says Dr. S. Verhamme and Dr. G. Vandenbosch, breast radiologists at the St Trudo Hospital Radiology Department.

"The Belgian market for digital mammography is taking off and most hospitals are now digitizing their mammography operations," says Wim Schuur, Vice President Sales and Marketing of Sectra's medical operations in the Benelux region. "At the same time, care quality awareness is increasing. We provide customers with systems that promote the development of safe digital mammography screening for women. Accordingly, we are well positioned to take advantage of this growing market."

Safe and effective mammography screening

With retained or superior imaging quality, Sectra's mammography system, Sectra MicroDose Mammography, generates by far the lowest dose of radiation among all of the systems offered on the market. The lowest radiation dose combined with good ergonomics and a well-conceived workflow enables mammography nurses and radiologists to work more efficiently and safely. At the same time, the radiation to which the women are exposed is minimized to the lowest conceivable level. Sectra MicroDose Mammography is based on unique detector technology that counts every X-ray photon. This is considered by many to be the X-ray technology of the future.

About St Trudo Hospital

The 310-bed St Trudo regional hospital serves the "Zuidwest Limburg" region and south Vlaams-Brabant. About 80 physicians and 600 staff members provide high-quality healthcare. The imaging department headed by Dr. Verhamme is a cornerstone in the radiology services delivered by the hospital.



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About Sectra's medical operations

Sectra develops and sells IT-systems and products for radiology, mammography and orthopedic departments. More than 950 hospitals worldwide use the system daily and more than 40 million radiology examinations are diagnosed in Sectra's system annually. This makes Sectra one of the world leading companies within systems for handling digital radiology images. In Scandinavia, Sectra is the market leader with more than 50% of all film-free installations. Sectra's systems have been installed in North America, Scandinavia 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 University in Sweden. Today, Sectra has offices in eleven countries and operates through partners worldwide. Sales in the 2006/2007 fiscal year totaled SEK 673 million. The Sectra share is listed on the Nordic Exchange in Stockholm. For more information about Sectra visit <http://www.sectra.com>