

Nine UK orders received for flash speed and low dose CT

Siemens reports thriving demand for SOMATOM Definition Flash

The SOMATOM® Definition Flash, Siemens Healthcare's next generation Dual Source CT, has received nine orders in five months of clinical availability in the UK. The system, globally launched at RSNA 2008, is now operational in NHS and private healthcare institutions.

With top scanning speeds in less than half a heartbeat plus new possibilities for imaging in the sub millisievert (mSv) range, the Definition Flash CT yields great opportunities for a range of imaging needs. Low radiation dose delivers the finest anatomical details at a faster speed than ever before. Rapid whole body scanning also makes the CT invaluable for emergency medicine and eliminates the need for sedation in anxious or paediatric patients.

"We are delighted at consistent, healthy demand for the Definition Flash," said Russell Lodge, CT Product Manager at Siemens Healthcare. "The breadth of orders for this unique system demonstrates its potential across the healthcare environment from research applications, advanced cardiac imaging to fast, routine scanning. Its flash speed makes it ideal for trauma imaging while its low dose capabilities are of real benefit to routine patients. This system is designed to not only make examinations faster and easier for the clinician, but also offer a noticeable improvement to the patient."

The nine UK orders for Siemens' Definition Flash CT include East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, St. George's Healthcare NHS Trust and Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust. The London Chest Hospital, part of Barts and The London NHS Trust, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, part of Cambridge

University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, were the first two NHS institutions to install the Flash CT with Spire Bushey the first private hospital to take delivery.

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Picture caption: The SOMATOM[®] Definition Flash from Siemens Healthcare has been ordered by nine healthcare institutions in the UK.



Picture caption: The SOMATOM® Definition Flash is a new generation of Dual Source CT that requires only a fraction of the radiation dose usually required to scan even the tiniest anatomical details at a faster speed than ever before.

