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SIEMENS SERVES UP INNOVATIONS AT SIR 2006
Company Receives 510(k) Clearance for AXIOM Wireless Footswitch and AXIOM Voice Control

TORONTO, March 30, 2006 – Siemens Medical Solutions unveils its latest innovations for the interventional suite at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR), March 30 through April 4, 2006 in Toronto. Visitors to booth # 915 will witness how Siemens' trendsetting technologies are helping physicians improve patient care while driving down costs. Further demonstrating its commitment to innovation for interventional radiology, the company also announces 510(k) clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to market AXIOM Wireless Footswitch and AXIOM Voice Control.

“As the number of interventional procedures being performed each year continues to rise, so does the demand for technologies to economically perform *more* procedures, with *more* speed, while improving patient care,” said Claus Grill, vice president, Angiography, Fluoroscopy and Radiography Systems, Siemens Medical Solutions. “Through cutting-edge imaging and information technologies, Siemens is addressing this challenge and helping clinicians treat patients as never before.”

From diagnosis and therapy to continued care, Siemens offers a broad portfolio of advanced technologies to suit the needs of every medical facility. Advancements in these technologies are leading to the implementation of new angiography applications, providing clinicians with information previously unavailable in the interventional suite. Among the solutions Siemens will showcase at SIR is **syngo[®] DynaCT**. This application helps physicians improve diagnostic confidence by enabling Angiographic Computed Tomography (ACT) and soft-tissue imaging directly in the interventional suite. By delivering CT-like images during angiography procedures, this first-of-its-kind application can save critical time and greatly reduce the need to move the patient out of the sterile environment for evaluation on another imaging modality, prior to proceeding with the intervention.

Advanced applications such as **syngo iPilot** are also supporting more informed decision-making capabilities and treatment planning. With **syngo iPilot**, medical facilities can add a new dimension to catheter procedures.

This program takes two-dimensional fluoroscopy images that appear in real time, and superimposes three-dimensional reconstructions of the data displayed on the same monitor. The additional information supports physicians in the interpretation of vascular structures, enabling faster and more accurate catheter navigation.

To provide a comprehensive, integrated interventional solution, both *syngo* DynaCT and *syngo* iPilot are designed to work in conjunction with Siemens' array of imaging systems such as the **AXIOM Artis dTA**. Equipped with flat panel detector (FD) technology, the AXIOM Artis dTA digital ceiling-mounted universal angiography C-arm system enables comprehensive routine diagnosis with advanced 3D image quality, maximum radiation reduction and optimal network connectivity.

FDA Clears Wireless Technology for Interventional Radiology

In addition to the solutions shown at SIR, two new innovations are giving physicians and staff increased flexibility, improved efficiency and operator comfort in interventional procedures. Both the **AXIOM Wireless Footswitch** and **AXIOM Voice Control** were recently FDA 510(k) cleared and are now commercially available in the United States. The wireless footswitch technology eliminates the hazard of excess cables often found in the examination room and reduces the risk of tripping so physicians can concentrate on the patient during examinations. Bringing hands-free operation to the interventional suite, AXIOM Voice Control allows physicians to stay focused on the catheter, the images and the patient. Instead of searching for buttons, waiting for staff or reaching around others in the room, voice control technology lets clinicians command the image processing of an AXIOM Artis system directly via voice control signals.

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