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Instant Insight with Ultrasound at First Point of Patient Contact

Siemens Healthcare (www.siemens.com/healthcare) highlights its smallest ultrasound solution – the ACUSON P10™ ultrasound system – at the Firehouse Expo 2008, a conference for fire and emergency professionals, to be held in Baltimore, July 22-24.

The ACUSON P10 handheld diagnostic ultrasound system is a little larger than a common PDA, weighs only 1.6 pounds, and fits easily into the emergency bag of emergency personnel. It is *the* emergency exam tool for earlier, faster and more accurate screening and triage decisions by delivering immediate ultrasound imaging at the point of care.

Not since the introduction of the stethoscope has one tool promised to do more to enhance emergency medicine and triage: It is immediate availability, application flexibility and portability will, ultimately, change in the way emergency care is administered. The ACUSON P10 system can be used by physicians and medical personnel in almost any environment, including ambulances and medevac helicopters. Emergency exams, such as FAST (Focused Assessment with Sonography for Trauma), enable medical personnel to detect free fluid in and around the heart, lungs and abdomen, determine cardiac activity, and perform pelvic exams.

Other applications include obstetrics and cardiac care. More information is available at www.pocketultrasound.com.

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Siemens Helps Sutter Health Begin Seamless Transition to Next Generation PACS

Siemens Healthcare (www.usa.siemens.com/healthcare) has recently started a picture archiving and communications system (PACS) transition at Sutter Health in Sacramento, Calif.

Sutter Health is one of the largest healthcare providers in Northern California and the transition to *syngo*[®] Imaging from a legacy SIENET Magic PACS solution will allow Sutter to access pre-existing data and images on the new *syngo* Imaging PACS.

“When planning to transition to a new, enterprise-wide PACS platform across many of our facilities, we could not tolerate downtime or a cumbersome data migration process,” said Randall Ross, Regional Administrator of Ancillary Services at Sutter Health. “Siemens provides the tools to seamlessly merge our existing data into our new PACS platform.”

As part of the Siemens *syngo* Suite, *syngo* Imaging provides a knowledge-driven, role-based and context-sensitive approach to delivering images and information to physicians, including tools for advanced image processing and computer-aided detection (CAD). The PACS will automatically pre-fetch relevant prior images acquired at multiple Sutter sites. Additionally, the system has improved functionality compared with the legacy PACS, and will enable improved communication between technologists, radiologists and clinicians.

Sutter Health can also realize further cost reductions and operational efficiencies from the long-term archive solution that will be installed as part of the *syngo* Imaging PACS project. Sutter staff will be able to access a centralized data repository for multi-specialty images including radiology, cardiology and neurology.

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Siemens Receives Full CCHIT Certification for MedSeries4 Clinical Suite with Siemens Pharmacy and Med Administration Check

Siemens Healthcare announced that its MedSeries4[®] Clinical Suite V28.10 with Siemens Pharmacy and Med Administration Check[™] V24.0 solution has achieved CCHIT Certified[®] status from the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT[®]) and meets the Commission's 2007 criteria for Electronic Medication Administration Record (eMAR), an important component of an inpatient Electronic Health Record (EHR).

In addition to meeting foundation standards such as security, certified inpatient products are examined for medication administration capabilities (often called eMAR), including related clinical decision support. As a CCHIT Certified product, MedSeries4 Clinical Suite v28.10 with Siemens Pharmacy and Med Administration Check V24.0 has been tested and passed inspection of 100 percent of a set of criteria for eMAR. The Commission focused certification testing on this area because of its low rate of adoption in hospitals despite the perception that it offers high value for improvement of care.

The CCHIT Certified mark — a “seal of approval” for EHR products — provides the first consensus-based, government-recognized benchmark for inpatient EHR products. By looking to products with the CCHIT Certified seal, acute care providers can reduce their risk in selecting EHR products for eMAR. More information on CCHIT and CCHIT Certified[®] products is available at www.cchit.org.

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technologies as well as in knowledge engineering, including information technology and system integration. With its laboratory diagnostics acquisitions, Siemens Healthcare is the first integrated healthcare company, bringing together imaging and lab diagnostics, therapy, and healthcare information technology solutions, supplemented by consulting and support services. Siemens Healthcare delivers solutions across the entire continuum of care – from prevention and early detection, to diagnosis, therapy and care. Additionally, Siemens Healthcare is the global market leader in innovative hearing instruments. The company employs more than 49,000 people worldwide and operates in 130 countries. In the fiscal year 2007 (Sept. 30), Siemens Healthcare reported sales of €9.85 billion, orders of €10.27 billion, and group profit of €1.32 billion. Further information can be found by visiting <http://www.siemens.com/healthcare>.

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