

Healthcare Sector Imaging & IT Division

Siemens Introduces New Economical Imager to the Symbia Family

Symbia E helps to improve access to state-of-the-art molecular imaging technology

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(www.siemens.com/healthcare) announces the addition of the Symbia[®] E single detector imaging system to its portfolio of state-of-the-art, award-winning Symbia family of scanners. The Symbia E is a high-quality, cost-effective single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) system that can help improve clinical confidence, reliability and versatility.

"The Symbia E is an economical point-of-entry into molecular imaging for those facilities operating under financial constraints. In addition, the Symbia E system's built-in upgradeability is flexible enough to meet their growing needs over time," said Michael Reitermann, chief executive officer, Molecular Imaging, Siemens Healthcare. "A single detector SPECT system is the perfect addition to our comprehensive SPECT portfolio. With a Symbia E, molecular imaging departments using multiple systems can offer the flexibility needed to perform basic studies, and reserve higher-end systems, such as SPECT•CT, for more advanced imaging needs."

In light of the economic challenges in the United States and internationally, Symbia E Single represents a high-quality, yet economical solution for providers. Siemens has taken the advanced detector technology of the Symbia family of SPECT and SPECT•CT imaging systems and made it available on the Symbia E single detector. A new generation of HD detector, first introduced with the Symbia TruePoint SPECT•CT imager, offers best-in-class performance and reliability, and is available on the new Symbia E single detector scanner. It can also be upgraded to a dual detector camera as a facility's workload necessitates.

The complete Symbia family now offers options in SPECT from a single head camera to integrated 16-slice SPECT•CT. In all, the Symbia family is a comprehensive portfolio of solutions with unprecedented upgrade possibilities and non-obsolescence protection.

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Another important feature of the Symbia E is its ability to accommodate a wide range of patient sizes, and it can also be equipped with special positioning pallets for mammography. It also features a tilting detector for optimized planar imaging. With advanced imaging tools for oncology, cardiology, neurology and general imaging, Symbia E can satisfy the needs of most institutions, and is able to grow at the same rate as clinical requirements dictate. Symbia E Single is primed to be the newest general imaging SPECT imager for cost-conscious customers who need a serious return on their investment.

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