

### Healthcare Sector News Bytes

#### **Siemens, U-Systems Announce Licensing Agreement on Automated Breast Ultrasound Workstation**

**Mountain View, Calif., January 16, 2009** – Siemens Healthcare and U-Systems, Inc., today announced a technology licensing agreement for U-Systems' **somo•VIEWer™\*** advanced workstation for Automated Breast Ultrasound for use with Siemens' **ACUSON S2000™** Automated Breast Volume Scanner (ABVS), which recently received FDA 510 (k) clearance. This will allow physicians to obtain the comprehensive 3D view of the breast with the intuitive anatomical coronal plane not available with conventional ultrasound systems. The agreement will facilitate the adoption of Automated Breast Volume Ultrasound for women's healthcare providers.

ABVS can make a significant contribution in diagnostic confidence for women with dense breast tissue and inconclusive mammograms. The coronal view provided by the **somo•VIEWer** workstation offers a more understandable representation of the global anatomy and architecture of the breast, which will ultimately improve patient care and increase clinical workflow.

U-Systems, Inc. is a privately held venture-backed company with Siemens Venture Capital (SVC) as an investor. The company is a leader in developing dedicated breast ultrasound systems. More information at: [www.u-systems.com](http://www.u-systems.com)

\* Works-in-Progress. The device is indicated for use as an adjunct to mammography for B-mode ultrasonic imaging of a patient's breast when used with an automatic scanning linear array transducer. The device is not intended to be used as a replacement for screening mammography.

**Malvern, Pa., January 16, 2009** Siemens Healthcare and the [Children's Health Fund](#) (CHF) congratulate [John T. Mather Memorial Hospital](#) in Port Jefferson, N.Y., on winning the recent online auction for a new Ysio digital radiography system from Siemens. Siemens worked with the Children's Health Fund, which will receive all proceeds from the event, totaling more than

\$285,000. The proceeds will help CHF's programs provide urgent health services to children and their families throughout the United States.

Corporate responsibility remains a focus for Siemens even during difficult times like these when healthcare and other economic issues are weighing heavily on everyone's minds. The recent Ysio auction and the last year's "Win an MRI" contest are only a few of the ways that Siemens is giving back to the community, in addition to its volunteer opportunities, employee contributions, and matching company donations throughout the United States.

Innovations, such as the Ysio, contribute to the health and well-being of people throughout the world, while improving operational efficiencies and optimizing workflow. The Ysio can be customized to suit the specific needs of the patient – from pediatric to geriatric to bariatric. The system's flexibility not only affords comfort to the patient, but also makes it easy to use for medical personnel.

The **Siemens Healthcare Sector** is one of the world's largest suppliers to the healthcare industry. The company is a renowned medical solutions provider with core competence and innovative strength in diagnostic and therapeutic 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 around 49,000 people worldwide and operates in 130 countries. In the fiscal year 2008 (Sept. 30), Siemens Healthcare reported sales of €1.2 billion, orders of €1.8 billion, and Sector profit of €1.2 billion. Further information can be found by visiting <http://www.siemens.com/healthcare>.