

Siemens and CHCA Sign GPO Agreement for Pediatric Imaging Equipment

Malvern, Pa., March 7, 2011 – Siemens Healthcare and the Child Health Corporation of America (CHCA) have entered into a Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) agreement, in which CHCA owners will have greater access to Siemens pediatric-specific medical imaging technologies for their hospitals and pediatric healthcare delivery systems. Owned by 43 leading children’s hospitals, CHCA represents more than 20,000 physicians and \$2 billion in overall product purchases and helps children’s hospitals accelerate the safe, efficient and effective delivery of clinical care.

“We are honored to partner with the Child Health Corporation of America to help provide them with the latest technologies in pediatric imaging,” said Robin Anderson, Senior Director of National Accounts. “This strategic alliance will help CHCA children’s hospitals better help serve their smallest patients with innovations, such as low dose technologies and optimal scanning speed to enable enhanced patient comfort and maximize throughput.”

The new alliance encompasses all of Siemens pediatric medical imaging technologies, including Computed Tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Molecular Imaging, Digital Radiography, Interventional Radiology, and Ultrasound.

Highlighting Siemens’ pediatric portfolio is the SOMATOM® Definition Flash CT scanner. The SOMATOM Definition Flash opens a door to new levels of patient friendliness with the speed, for example, to cover the entire thorax in less than a second. Bringing this scan speed to imaging children makes sedation a thing of the past. Flash Spiral scans are consistently fast enough to produce sharp pediatric images without sedation. This shortens prep time, eliminates repeating scans due to motion, and reduces risk as well as anxiety. Secondly, the SOMATOM Definition Flash requires only a fraction of the radiation dose that systems previously required to scan even the tiniest anatomical details.

Technology designed with children in mind leads to better imaging and better clinical information, which reduces the expense and time of rescheduling patients, improves workflow and satisfaction of staff members, and offers patients and their families a better experience. The SOMATOM Definition Flash helps provide one stop diagnoses despite the size, heart rate, or condition of the patient.

The **Siemens Healthcare Sector** is one of the world's largest suppliers to the healthcare industry and a trendsetter in medical imaging, laboratory diagnostics, medical information technology and hearing aids. Siemens offers its customers products and solutions for the entire range of patient care from a single source – from prevention and early detection to diagnosis, and on to treatment and aftercare. By optimizing clinical workflows for the most common diseases, Siemens also makes healthcare faster, better and more cost-effective. Siemens Healthcare employs some 48,000 employees worldwide and operates around the world. In fiscal year 2010 (to September 30), the Sector posted revenue of 12.4 billion euros and profit of around 750 million euros. For further information please visit: www.siemens.com/healthcare.

About CHCA

Child Health Corporation of America (CHCA) is an exclusive alliance of 43 children's hospitals in North America.

Established in 1985 and headquartered in Shawnee Mission, Kan., CHCA is owned and operated by the nation's leading non-competing, freestanding children's hospitals, which together represent more than 20,000 physicians, 135,000 employees, \$25 billion in revenue and \$2.1 billion in overall medical, surgical and pharmaceutical products. CHCA owner executive and clinical leaders share data, knowledge and buying power to reduce costs and improve clinical and operational performance in children's hospitals. CHCA Owner Hospitals perform better together, ultimately advancing the quality of care available to America's children.