
FUJIFILM SonoSite gives Clinicians the Edge for Rural Diagnostics



Point-of-care ultrasound helped Dr Fiona Witham to diagnose a wide range of pathologies in patients living in a remote rural area.

A FUJIFILM SonoSite Edge® point-of-care ultrasound system recently helped clinicians participating in the Ukraine Christian Partnership's (UCP's) Summer Mission to diagnose a wide range of pathologies. Dr Fiona Witham, a consultant radiologist travelling with the group, explained: "This year's UCP Summer Mission was to an area of subsistence farming in Zakarpattia Oblast. Medical professionals made up about a third of the group, and we provided diagnoses and limited treatment to villagers from across the area. Because our aid and advice is independent, the villagers know that we only have their best interests at heart, helping them to judge the next steps they need to take with their treatment."

"Point-of-care ultrasound is an invaluable tool in these circumstances, allowing me to provide abdomino-pelvic, small part and musculoskeletal imaging – as well as echocardiographic scanning – to confirm or refute a wide range of diagnoses. When I looked into obtaining a system for the first mission 13 years ago, everyone I spoke to recommended SonoSite. The company has been kind enough to support every trip I've been on, providing a small, lightweight and robust system that I could easily carry in my hand luggage. This sort of application really does play to the unique strengths of SonoSite's instruments, and the image quality improves with every new system. I am very grateful for the company's ongoing support."

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