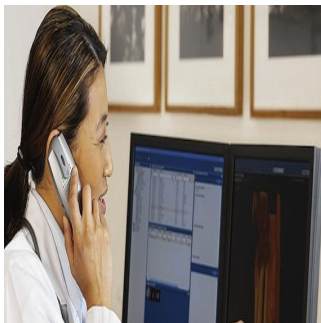

Sectra and Swedish Healthcare Provider Sign Long-term Contract



Sectra has signed a six-year contract with Swedish healthcare provider Region Skåne. The contract includes development, maintenance and support for the region-wide Sectra IT solution, which is used in radiology, clinical physiology, nuclear medicine and mammography to manage and communicate patient information. The order value amounts to SEK 55.8 Million (approx. EUR 6.2 M).

Most patients undergo a diagnostic imaging examination at one point or another in treatment of their illness or injury. This means that the departments' ability to manage and share images and information swiftly and efficiently with personnel in other care units is of importance for the quality of care provided to the patients. Region Skåne uses Sectra's complete solution for management and communication of patient information (RIS) and radiology images (PACS).

"We are very satisfied with Sectra's IT solution, which is stable and provides us region-wide availability. It has the functions and performance required for the provision of good and safe care to patients in Region Skåne," says Peter Leander, Senior physician and Regional Chief Medical Officer at Region Skåne.

Similar to the manner in which the management of medical images was coordinated in the region three years ago, a project is now being conducted to consolidate all patient and examination data within the diagnostic imaging operations in Region Skåne.

"We have had a total of eight databases, which in cooperation with Sectra's IT experts, we are in the process of migrating to a single one. At the same time we are renewing the hardware in our server environment. In this way, we will achieve better integration and coordination of examination in our departments," says Peter Leander.

The contract with Sectra also comprises products that facilitate secure communication of images and information with other county councils and private care providers, as well as such services as dictation with speech recognition and radiation dose monitoring (Sectra DoseTrack) to gather and analyze radiation dose data from the approximately one million radiology examinations conducted in the region annually.

"Our investment in future-proof solutions means that such major customers as Region Skåne regard Sectra as a long-term partner for the medical care of the future. The complete approach taken by the Region Skåne to their radiology operation's IT structure is an excellent example for other care providers in Scandinavia and the rest of the world," says Ann-Sofi Mikaelsson, President of Sectra's operation for sales and support of medical systems in Sweden.

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