

Innovation evening showcases the latest development in echocardiography

Siemens Healthcare unveils the ACUSON SC2000 for advanced cardiac imaging

The latest innovation in ultrasound echocardiography has been launched to UK customers. The new ACUSON SC2000 from Siemens Healthcare was showcased at a specially arranged evening in Harrogate prior to the British Society of Echocardiography (BSE) Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting and Exhibition in October 2008.

Over 75 customers from across the country attended the evening of innovation to learn about the benefits of Siemens' latest ultrasound system. The SC2000 is the first unit in the world to acquire non-stitched, real-time full-volume images of the heart in one single cycle. Known as 'Echo in a Heartbeat', the technology has been designed to eliminate the need for ECG gating and breath holds, giving sonographers more information in less time.

The ACUSON SC2000 streamlines workflow by performing automatic measurements and due to its speed and accuracy in imaging, will bring echocardiography to a wider range of patients. It also features a newly designed transducer, the 4Z1c, which features active cooling, a first in the diagnostic ultrasound industry. This enables maximum power output, improving image penetration and reducing noise to provide superior image quality.

Guests at the launch event were given first hand feedback on the advantages of the system from Dr. Mark Monaghan of King's College Hospital in London. He has been one of the first clinicians in the UK to trial the new system and innovative transducer.

“The formal UK launch of the ACUSON SC2000 proved to be an immense success. Guests were able to learn all about the new technology we call ‘Echo in a Heartbeat’ and appreciate the positive influence it will have in the future of echocardiograms,” states Declan Dunphy, Manager of Ultrasound Products at Siemens Healthcare. “The backdrop of the BSE Annual Meeting was a great time to showcase the benefits of this system and demonstrate the advantages that the innovation will deliver ergonomically and clinically.”

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Picture caption: The ACUSON SC2000 on display at the BSE Annual Meeting and Exhibition.



Picture caption: Declan Dunphy, Manger of Ultrasound Products at Siemens Healthcare discusses the benefits of the ACUSON SC2000 at the UK launch in Harrogate.

