Elekta Knowledge Management harnesses cancer data through advanced analytics
Solution debuts at 2014 ASTRO Annual Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO, September 11 /PRNewswire/ – At the 56th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO), September 14-17, Elekta (booth #1308) will showcase its Elekta Knowledge Management software. This solution is a cloud-based, clinical and business intelligence software platform that allows health care providers to gain unprecedented and actionable insight from clinical, operational, financial and research data. Through advanced analytics, Elekta Knowledge Management enables the collection, integration, mining and analysis of comprehensive oncology data across the care continuum.

"Cancer therapy is more complex than ever before," says Todd Powell, Executive Vice President, Elekta Software. "The number of oncology patients has increased, the number of treatment options has multiplied and providers are being asked to do more with less. With Elekta Knowledge Management, we provide our customers with a superior oncology analytics platform that will provide useful, real-time information to accelerate clinical discovery, support personalized medicine and improve overall quality of cancer treatment.”

Elekta’s Knowledge Management applications include advanced Healthcare Analytics, dashboards and reports; Specialized Cancer and Neurosurgery Registries; and oncology imaging management solutions. Deployed on an integrated platform, these applications will ensure that critical data required to make informed decisions is available for the right patient, at the right time, for the right treatment.

A core application of Knowledge Management is METRIQ® cancer registry, which is used by 1,200 customers globally on a daily basis to aggregate data on cancer patients, diseases and treatments from disparate oncology electronic medical record (EMR) and HIT source systems to allow health care professionals to better understand their cancer burden. The high-quality data from METRIQ is also unique in that it is used to support epidemiological cancer studies to produce comprehensive and accurate information used for hospital, state and regional reporting on cancer outcomes.

"Cancer registry data isn’t new, but most registries only provide new data every five years,” says Shaun Costello, Clinical Director, Southern Cancer Network, Dunedin Hospital, New Zealand. “So, in essence, clinicians are using old data even as the treatment options for cancer are changing every day. Providing real-time data to our physicians is a significant improvement in clinical decision-making.”

Learn more about Elekta’s Knowledge Management software at: www.elekta.com/information-guided.

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About Elekta
Elekta is a human care company pioneering significant innovations and clinical solutions for treating cancer and brain disorders. The company develops sophisticated, state-of-the-art tools and treatment planning systems for radiation therapy, radiosurgery and brachytherapy, as well as workflow enhancing software systems across the spectrum of cancer care. Stretching the boundaries of science and technology, providing intelligent and resource-efficient solutions that offer confidence to both health care providers and patients, Elekta aims to improve, prolong and even save patient lives.

Today, Elekta solutions in oncology and neurosurgery are used in over 6,000 hospitals worldwide. Elekta employs around 3,800 employees globally. The corporate headquarters is located in Stockholm, Sweden, and the company is listed on the Nordic Exchange under the ticker STO:EKTAB. Website: www.elekta.com.