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Radiological Group Practice Mansfelder Land, in Germany, switches to Agfa DR for its Hettstedt and Lutherstadt-Eisleben sites

DR functionality, MUSICA workstation and full-leg/full-spine capabilities enhance workflow and productivity at imaging centers attached to Helios Group hospitals

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- In a two-step project, multiple Agfa direct radiography (DR) solutions are being implemented at each site, to support modernization of the imaging centers.
- Previous experience with Agfa computed radiography (CR) played a key role in the successful move to DR.

In a two-step project, Radiological Group Practice (RGP) Mansfelder Land has chosen to modernize its sites at Hettstedt and Lutherstadt-Eisleben, with multiple Agfa direct radiography (DR) solutions. Both sites are attached to hospitals within the Helios network, one of the largest hospital groups in Europe.

Enhanced workflow and productivity

RGP Mansfelder Land is responsible for outpatient imaging exams at both Helios Clinic Hettstedt and Helios Clinic Eisleben. Each RGP center sees around 50-80 patients per day.

In order to speed up workflow and enhance staff productivity, the decision was made to update the centers, moving from computed radiography (CR) to DR. Following the April 2018 contract signing for the Hettstedt center, a U-arm DX-D 300 and floor-mounted DX-D 600 were both successfully installed.

Improved workflow and image quality for the Helios Clinic Hettstedt orthopedics-traumatology center was a priority for the project. “The full-leg/full-spine capability of the DX-D 300 was able to answer these needs completely. And the DR600 functionalities have also played a role in improving the workflow.” describes Dr. Dietmar Handro, Manager for RGP Mansfelder Land. “Changing

long-standing processes can be difficult. But our team's familiarity with Agfa's MUSICA imaging workstation, which is used with both the CR and DR solutions, helped things move smoothly."

Image quality and flexibility

Based on the successful implementation at Hettstedt, in December 2019 a contract was signed for the installation at the Eisleben site of a fully automated, ceiling-suspended DR 600 X-ray room, and a multi-functional DR 800 for general radiography, fluoroscopy and full-leg/full-spine imaging.

"We were able to carefully analyze and evaluate our experience at Hettstedt to optimize the second step of the project: modernizing Eisleben," explains Dr. Handro. "Our focus was on finding a system that could be used both as a backup for conventional X-ray, and for imaging for internal medicine, especially for diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic retrograde cholangiography (ERC) or percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography (PTC)."

"We are very pleased that RGP Mansfelder Land chose Agfa for this important upgrade of its X-ray capabilities and workflow. With this project, Agfa will have a substantial part of its DR portfolio available centrally as a reference site, especially for interested parties from other Helios hospitals," comments Birgit Menzel, Agfa Key Account Manager. "Furthermore, this has been an excellent pilot for our cooperation with RokoTech, which has been an Agfa partner starting 1 January 2020. It will now be expanding its previous role supporting RGP Mansfelder Land's medical technology to include assisting the center on technical issues and maintenance."

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