Boston Scientific and Philips Healthcare Announce Collaboration to Enhance Imaging Equipment Offering

Boston Scientific Corporation and Royal Philips Electronics announced a collaboration enabling Philips to sell Boston Scientific Imaging equipment in connection with its Allura Xper™ catheterization (cath) lab systems in territories throughout the world.

The Boston Scientific iLab™ Ultrasound Imaging System serves as a versatile platform for utilizing Boston Scientific's imaging catheters. The iLab System features exceptional image quality and allows physicians the ability to choose from a variety of imaging catheters for coronary, peripheral and intracardiac applications. The iLab System is compatible and can be integrated with all major X-ray systems including the Philips Allura Xper system. This agreement gives Philips the ability to offer customers an integrated imaging solution that is compatible with current and next-generation Boston Scientific imaging catheters.

Boston Scientific's Imaging business includes a full line of intravascular ultrasound (IVUS) and intracardiac echocardiography (ICE) imaging catheters and a robust pipeline of new technologies. These devices enable physicians to assess diseased arteries and intracardiac structures to aid in appropriate diagnosis and treatment.

Philips is the worldwide leader in angiographic systems for the cardiology lab. The Philips Allura Xper system offers customers exceptional image clarity and deeper insight for diagnosing and treating cardiac disease. Interventional tools work smoothly in sync with the X-ray system which can be tailored for multiple interventional cardiology and cardiovascular mixed-use environments.

"Boston Scientific is pleased to collaborate with Philips and establish the foundation for an ongoing relationship," said Isaac Zacharias, general manager of Boston Scientific's Imaging business. "As premier providers of medical technology for cardiologists and electrophysiologists, this collaboration is expected to expand the ability of Boston Scientific and Philips to offer integrated solutions that improve ease of use and workflow for our worldwide customers".

"This collaboration is a further step in Philips' strategy to offer seamlessly integrated interventional solutions. Philips works with companies like Boston Scientific to continuously enhance the integrated functioning of our cath labs and further enhance the user experience," said Bert van Meurs, senior vice president and general manager, Interventional X-Ray, for Philips Healthcare.

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