Hospital for Special Surgery Taps Accelarad for Medical Image Sharing

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ATLANTA--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar 5, 2013--Accelarad, a leading provider of secure, cloud-based medical imaging solutions, and creators of SeeMyRadiology.com, announced today that Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) has selected Accelarad's medical imaging solution to improve medical image sharing and care coordination with referring physicians anywhere in the world. Additionally, the New York City-based hospital, which ranked #1 in the United States for orthopedics, will roll out the offering to patients, streamlining the medical image exchange process for those transferring to the hospital from other facilities.

Accelarad's medical imaging solution, which can be accessed from any Internet-connected computer or mobile device, will help the hospital simplify medical image sharing for patients and providers.

"We have unique workflow needs since our patient population comes to HSS from across the country and the world for specialized orthopedic care and radiology consultations," said Richard Fleury, executive director with the Department of Radiology and Imaging at HSS. "Accelarad will integrate nicely into our existing clinical processes to make medical image sharing easier for our patients and referring physicians. For example, a Los Angeles-based patient requiring a hip replacement or revision can upload and share images with his or her HSS hip specialist, who will be then be able to easily analyze the image—all well before the patient even arrives in New York." With Accelarad, HSS providers can securely and more easily request, view and share medical images and documents with other healthcare organizations—before and after a patient's visit. Accelarad will also enable HSS providers to collaborate with patients' primary care providers to ensure patients receive the recommended follow-up treatment following a stay at HSS. Faster medical image sharing will give all providers involved in an HSS patient's care access to the most up-to-date patient information and will result in more informed care decisions and improved outcomes.

"Healthcare organizations specializing in orthopedics, like HSS, receive an extremely high volume of medical images and examinations every day," said Willie Tillery, CEO at Accelarad. "By moving their medical image exchange processes to our secure, cloud-based network, HSS will eliminate the process of managing medical images on CDs and film, which, in turn, will help the hospital streamline administrative processes and prevent providers from ordering duplicate tests as a result of damaged or lost images." To learn more about how Accelarad's cloud-based medical imaging solution can help healthcare organizations, physicians and patients bridge the continuum of care through the quick and secure exchange of medical images and documents, visit www.accelarad.com.

About Hospital for Special Surgery
Founded in 1863, Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) is a world leader in orthopedics, rheumatology and rehabilitation. HSS is nationally ranked No. 1 in orthopedics, No. 3 in rheumatology, No. 10 in neurology, and No. 5 in geriatrics by U.S. News & World Report (2012-13), and is the first hospital in New York State to receive Magnet Recognition for Excellence in Nursing Service from the American Nurses Credentialing Center three consecutive times. HSS has one of the lowest infection rates in the country. From 2007 to 2011, HSS has been a recipient of the Health Grades Joint Replacement Excellence Award. HSS is a member of the New York-Presbyterian Healthcare System and an affiliate of Weill Cornell Medical College and as such all Hospital for Special Surgery medical staff are faculty of Weill Cornell. The hospital's research division is internationally recognized as a leader in the investigation of musculoskeletal and autoimmune diseases. Hospital for Special Surgery is located in New York City and online at www.hss.edu.

About Accelarad
Founded in 1999, Atlanta-based Accelarad, creators of SeeMyRadiology.com, makes it simple for healthcare organizations, physicians and patients to securely view, manage and share medical images and documents online. Intuitive and in tune with healthcare workflows, Accelarad’s scalable platform eliminates the costs, redundancies and administrative headaches of outmoded image transfer technology. The company’s robust, cloud-based software as a service (SaaS) platform empowers collaboration by allowing users to access and share medical images and documents from Internet-connected computers or mobile devices at any time, from anywhere. Accelarad’s true multi-tenant architecture supports today’s imaging needs, while also strategically positioning healthcare organizations to address the ongoing challenges of patient-centered, coordinated care.

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