New Versa HD System Tops Elekta's Comprehensive Array of Cancer Management Solutions at 2nd ESTRO Forum

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GENEVA, April 15, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- ESTRO Booth #3400 – Elekta will debut its Versa HD™ system at the first major exhibition since the company introduced the advanced linear accelerator globally on March 1. The 2nd ESTRO (European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology) Forum convenes April 19-23 at the Palexpo convention center in Geneva.

Versa HD features high-precision beam shaping and tumor targeting, and the versatility to deliver high-volume conventional therapies, plus the most sophisticated linear accelerator-based treatments that require extreme targeting precision. Elekta will also highlight its newly redesigned Flexitron® remote afterloading platform for brachytherapy designed to improve safety and efficiency in the brachytherapy workflow, as well as new programs to simplify the upgrade path from competitive oncology information systems (OIS) to MOSAIQ® OIS.

"We expect great interest in Versa HD at this year's ESTRO Forum," says Ian Alexander , Elekta's Executive Vice President Region Europe, Africa, Latin America and Middle East. "Our most advanced linear accelerator was inspired by the advent of new and more sophisticated therapies that are showing great promise worldwide, combined with growing global cancer management challenges. It truly represents a unique radiotherapy solution that will impact patient health and quality of life."

"High-definition, high-speed beam shaping, combined with high dose rate delivery makes Versa HD the ideal SBRT machine," says Oscar Matzinger , M.D., radiation oncologist at Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois (Lausanne, Switzerland) and Hopital Riviera (Vevey, Switzerland). "More and more radiotherapy patients will be treated with SBRT, which now usually involves relatively long treatment times. In treating lung cancer or liver metastases, the faster we can deliver therapy the less chance for patient motion, and, in turn, the more precise therapy will be. The High Dose Rate mode of Versa HD certainly facilitates that."

Elekta will give live presentations of Versa HD at its exhibit booth (#3400) during the ESTRO Forum.

Other meeting highlights

- Redesigned Flexitron remote afterloading platform will emphasize safety and efficiency in the brachytherapy workflow, increasing the clinician's confidence that execution of all workflow steps proceed as planned. Included in the redesign are multiple novel advances that optimize the

treatment delivery process.

- MOSAIQ OIS connectivity will also be demonstrated, highlighting simple programs to migrate from legacy Siemens LANTIS™ systems to MOSAIQ. MOSAIQ is in use at more than 3,000 sites, interfacing with delivery systems from a range of providers, including Elekta, Siemens, Varian, TomoTherapy, Accuray and Brainlab.
- Elekta will host a lunch symposium titled "Pioneer in Cancer Care," on April 20, from 13:15-14:30, in Room C, Lower Level. Subjects include Versa HD, VMAT, Agility™ and High Dose Rate mode, and Flexitron remote afterloading platform.

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