Ultrasound Guidance for Vascular Access and Regional Anesthesia Handbook Released by Ultrasonix

A new electronic handbook on ultrasound guidance for vascular access and regional anesthesia aims to teach clinicians the basic physics of ultrasound and how to integrate the technology into routine anesthesia practice. Written by Dr. Pollard, who practices at St. Michael's hospital in Toronto, Ontario, the book is available for download from the Ultrasonix website.

"What's unique about this handbook is that it addresses the key features of ultrasound and needle skills; it also brings the newest innovation in ultrasound guidance technology to the forefront and illustrates how this will improve the outcomes that we all want to achieve with our regional anesthesia practice," says Dr. Brian Pollard, staff anesthesiologist at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and associate professor of Anesthesia, University of Toronto.

More than 3000 clinicians have reserved the handbook on the Ultrasonix website since the company began accepting registrations in late 2011. Highlights include:

- Introduction to ultrasound
- Ultrasonix SonixGPS for needle navigation
- Ultrasound for vascular access
- Ultrasound-guided blocks
- Ultrasound-assisted blocks
- Continuous nerve block catheter techniques
- Implementing ultrasound in the hospital setting

"Ultrasonix focuses on developing ultrasound systems that offer unique, clinically relevant features for specialties that haven't traditionally used ultrasound because we believe we can help improve patient safety and the success of difficult procedures," explains Laurent Pelissier, chief executive officer at Ultrasonix. "In talking to anesthesiologists, we realized there's a need for education that can help physicians new to ultrasound get up to speed quickly on how to use the technology. Brian has written an excellent introductory handbook."

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