

Sectra inks 13 year contract with NSW Health

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Medical imaging IT and cybersecurity company Sectra has signed a 13-year contract with NSW Health in Australia for an enterprise radiology imaging solution across Australia's largest public health system. It will provide 11 NSW Health organizations with a common platform and the ability to seamlessly share images and information across departments and locations, resulting in better patient outcomes.

Dr Zoran Bolevich, eHealth NSW Chief Executive and NSW Health Chief Information Officer said, "We are pleased to confirm that we have entered into an agreement with Sectra to provide 11 Local Health Districts and specialty networks across NSW Health with a new, state-of-the-art digital capability on an 'as a service' basis. The enterprise radiology imaging service comprises a common platform for handling all image information, which allows efficient collaboration around medical images and information across the multiple clinical teams and health organizations."

Dr Bolevich continued; "The platform will provide patients with more modern and improved services such as SMS reminders for appointments and secure access to their images via an on-line portal."

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The ultimate aim is to provide secure, easy and immediate access to medical imaging information across Australia's most populous state, allowing clinicians to make timely decisions about patient care.

Bart Thielen, President of Sectra Australia and New Zealand said, "This agreement represents a major breakthrough for Sectra in the Australian market with our enterprise imaging solution, recognised for high customer satisfaction around the globe. For many years, we have been committed to providing the Australian market with comprehensive breast imaging systems. With this contract, and together with NSW Health, we will work to bring more value for patients by consolidating imaging needs, improving healthcare diagnostics and opening doors for integrated diagnostics and new technologies such as AI."

The platform will be implemented and used across nine local health districts, the Sydney Children's Hospital Network and NSW Health Pathology's Forensic and Analytical Science Service. Together, they manage a joint volume of more than 1.8 million imaging exams per year. Approximately one billion historical image links are being migrated to the new system for quick and easy access to prior images, supporting improved patient care.