

Olympus, Hitachi enter long-term collaboration for ultrasonic endoscopy system

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Aims to contribute to improving the quality of life of patients by providing the value of early diagnosis by endoscopic ultrasonography system



Olympus Corporation and Hitachi have agreed to a five-year contract for joint development of the endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and Hitachi's continued supply of ultrasonic diagnostic equipment and related products for use in EUS. EUS is a system that combines an ultrasonic endoscope and an ultrasonic diagnostic device, and is widely used for evaluation of the degree of progression of diseases such as cancer, liver, pancreas, and bronchi, and for minimally invasive treatment, contributing to medical treatment.

Hitachi's diagnostic imaging business will be transferred to FUJIFILM Corporation on the condition that the acquisition of necessary clearances, permits, etc. is completed based on domestic and overseas competition laws and other laws and regulations. Therefore, this agreement will continue even after it is transferred to Fujifilm.

Hironobu Kono, Head of Endoscopy Solutions Division, Olympus Corporation, said: "Our company has aimed to contribute to improving the quality of life (QOL) of patients by providing the value of early diagnosis by endoscopic ultrasonography system. In the development of technology and products for endoscopic ultrasonography diagnosis, Hitachi The long-standing collaborative relationship with the factory is a very important foundation. "

Toshihiko Kono, CTO, Healthcare Business Unit, Hitachi, Ltd., said: "Hitachi and Olympus have always been the top runners in the world's digestive system and has contributed significantly to the advancement of medical care for respiratory diseases. We will continue this collaboration to create new clinical value that will lead to better diagnosis and treatment in endoscopic ultrasonography."