

Major Norwegian Care Provider Orders Region-Wide IT Solution From Sectra



The Norwegian healthcare provider Helse Vest RHF is investing in a region-wide radiology IT solution from [Sectra](#) for managing radiology images and patient information. The agreement extends for 6 years and the order is, over this agreement period, valued at a total of NOK 57 million (corresponding to approximately EUR 5,7 million). Sectra's IT solution (RIS and PACS) will improve the availability and simplify the communication of patient images within and between the hospitals in the region, making it easier for radiologists to carry out their daily work and contributing to more efficient and higher quality care. In addition, the solution will help provide greater opportunities to share resources between hospitals.

"High operational reliability and usability were important criteria in our choice of radiology solution – criteria that Sectra was able to meet. It was also crucial that the solution could be integrated with our existing VNA in order to facilitate joint regional work processes and efficient, region-wide collaboration and information exchange. Our hope is that this will contribute to improved quality and higher productivity in healthcare by providing better access to updated clinical information," says Erik M. Hansen, CEO of Helse Vest IKT.

Helse Vest already uses Sectra's medical media archive (VNA), where all of the region's medical images and film sequences, such as ultrasound and endoscopy examinations, are managed. By combining Sectra's media archive with this new, region-wide radiology IT system, Helse Vest will be equipped with a total solution that provides physicians with simple and secure access to all patient information and image materials – including non-radiological images – concerning a specific patient. This facilitates a closer collaboration between the various medical disciplines involved in the patient's care chain. Quick and easy access to all patient data particularly improves multidisciplinary rounds, which are an important component of cancer care.

Helse Vest is responsible for the care of the approximately one million people living in the region. Health and medical care is provided through four care companies at a total of 15 public hospitals with radiology departments.

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