
Agfa HealthCare Awarded New Three-Year DR Contract with Premier, Inc.



Entire line up of current DR products from Retrofits to mobiles to full rooms available on contract to Premier members

- Contract accessible to 3,600 Premier member hospitals and 120,000 alternative healthcare sites.
- Premier members can select from comprehensive line of Agfa HealthCare DR systems, all with gold standard MUSICA image processing software and up to 60% dose reduction*.
- Latest contract in 20-year history of Agfa HealthCare and Premier agreements.

Agfa HealthCare announced that it has been awarded a new three-year group purchasing contract with Premier, Inc., a leading healthcare improvement company, to provide its entire product line of digital radiography (DR) solutions to the alliance's approximately 3,600 member hospitals and 120,000 other alternate healthcare sites in the United States.

Agfa HealthCare's full portfolio of DR solutions is included in the contract, along with the third generation of MUSICA advanced digital X-ray image processing software and workstation. Following is the complete list of DR systems and DR detectors available:

DX-D Retrofit - With this cost-effective yet versatile upgrade solution, healthcare enterprises can move to DR, while maximizing their existing investments in imaging equipment. The mobile DX-D Retrofit comes with the choice of wireless or tethered Cesium Iodide (CsI) or Gadolinium Oxy-Sulphide (GOS) detector conversion screens. The wireless panels may be shared with other fixed or mobile Agfa HealthCare DR solutions for further cost reduction.

DX-D 100 - The highly maneuverable, wireless DX-D 100 direct radiography (DR) unit features FreeView Technology for better maneuverability and ease of use by offering a telescoping column for an unobstructed view while driving and positioning the mobile DR system. The unobstructed view offers enhanced visibility and maneuverability while driving the unit, and allows the radiographic technologist to get to the patient swiftly and securely, especially in critical care areas crowded with overhead equipment.

DX-D 300 - The DX-D 300 DR system unites excellent image quality with complete convenience. It offers top-of-the-line technology, a single detector and a fully-motorized positioner, yet requires limited space. It can be combined with a Computed Radiography (CR) system to allow complete versatility. Its universality, flexibility and affordability make it stand out among DR systems.

DR 400 - The DR 400 system is a flexible and affordable solution that still meets the high quality image standards you demand. Floor-mounted and easy to install, it takes little space and does not require expensive ceiling supports. Capable of integrating with other elements of your existing system with little adaptation, the DR 400 offers multiple digital configurations, ranging from a CR-based solution, to a single detector DR system, to a comprehensive multi-detector DR system.

DX-D 600 - The DX-D 600 DR system combines user-friendly design with Agfa HealthCare's MUSICA image quality to create a high-productivity DR solution. The DX-D 600 is a family of ceiling mounted X-ray systems with configurations ranging from a system using manual movement to a fully motorized, auto-positioning solution, ideal for facilities with a high patient load that are looking to streamline workflow to increase patient comfort.

DX-D 10 portable detector - The DX-D 10 Digital Detector offers general radiography facilities a fast and effective way to benefit from high quality digital imaging using existing X-ray equipment.

DX-D 40C wireless detector - For both conventional and mobile digital X-ray systems, the DX-D 40 Digital Detector offers general radiography facilities all the advantages of Direct Digital, while maximizing the use of their existing equipment. The Automatic Exposure Detection (AED) means no electrical connection to the X-ray system is required, for seamless use with virtually all X-ray systems.

All of Agfa HealthCare's DR solutions are backed by industry-leading MUSICA image processing software and the convenience provided by its workstation's single user interface. Now in its third generation, MUSICA technology provides consistent, high-quality results and virtually eliminates the need for post processing adjustments by the technologist or radiologist. The high image quality, when used with Cesium Iodide detector technology, also provides up to 60% dose reduction* potential for patients using Agfa HealthCare DR systems.

"Agfa HealthCare is pleased to be able to continue providing Premier members with the latest in DR technologies as they expand their digital infrastructures. From excellent image quality to 60% dose reduction potential, our solutions serve the needs of the clinicians and patients with the utmost of care," said Lenny Reznik, Vice President, Marketing, Agfa HealthCare North America. "As Premier members seek quality outcomes and optimal system performance, we at Agfa HealthCare are confident our solutions can support them in this endeavor."

Effective October 1, 2015 through August 31, 2018 this contract will be the latest in a progression of contracts during Agfa HealthCare's 20-year
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relationship with Premier and its member facilities that spans back to 1995. Agfa HealthCare also has Enterprise Image Management Solutions (EIMS), Computed Radiography (CR) and Medical Film and Imagers contracts with Premier.

*Testing by Agfa HealthCare with board certified Radiologists has determined that Cesium Bromide (CR) and Cesium Iodide (DR) Detectors when used with MUSICA processing can provide dose reductions of between 50 to 60% when compared to traditional Barium Fluoro Bromide CR systems. Contact Agfa HealthCare for more details.

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