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Brock Price, Interim Director Diagnostic Imaging Services, and Radiology Supervisors Sara Hoffman and Sheven Thorson explain why the DX-D Retrofit, with its potential for dose reduction and its ease of use, adds value to its radiology services provision.

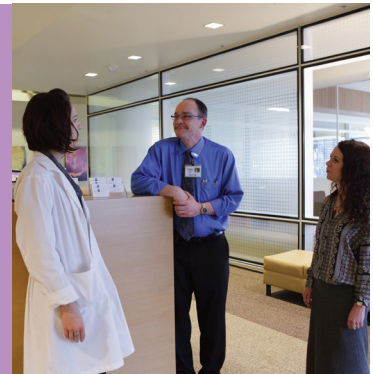
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As the only academic center in Oregon and a tertiary referral center, OHSU is recognized statewide as a reference medical center. Operating outreach both inside Oregon as well as across five states throughout the west and Pacific Northwest, it brings together patient care, research, education and community service to improve the health and well-being of Oregonians.



With a track-record for innovation, OHSU's decision to enhance its radiology solution portfolio with the installation of the DX-D Retrofit was a natural progression of its long history of working with Agfa HealthCare. "As the first hospital in the US to go with digital PACS in 1998/1999, we have long experience in deciding how and where we want to go in advancing our solutions," explains Brock Price, Interim Director Diagnostic Imaging Services. "Installing the DX-D Retrofit was an obvious next step, and technically the solution is very good; we are very pleased with it."

## The added value vendors provide in terms of service is what's important

"Due to the nature of our site we did have to resolve some software issues and connections, which required cooperation with Agfa HealthCare's specialists. But, for me, what is important with any vendor is the added value they provide in terms of service. We are very satisfied with how Agfa HealthCare responded to the issues that arose and how they worked to ensure they were resolved."

## Decreases exam time by at least 90 seconds per exam

The solution has also proven popular with the technologists. Says Sara Hoffman, a radiology supervisor: "It has definitely decreased the amount of time we take to do an exam – by at least a minute and 30 seconds, and possibly even two minutes." Sheven Thorson, also a radiology supervisor adds, "Another noticeable benefit is in not having to process a bunch of cassettes – which in terms of repetitive action on the wrist and arms is a real bonus for our technologists. It doesn't sound like much but that, together with the time savings, really makes a huge difference."

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Interviews with: Brock Price, Interim Director Diagnostic Imaging Services, and Radiology Supervisors Sara Hoffman and Sheven Thorson



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## DX-D Retrofit

- All the workflow and image quality benefits of Direct Radiography
- Maximizes your existing imaging investment
- Easy installation, quickly up and running
- Choice of Cesium Iodide (CsI) or Gadolinium Oxy-Sulphide (GOS) detector conversion screens
- Potential dose reduction
- Specially-tuned MUSICA, for gold standard image processing, and NX workstation for smoother workflow
- Connectivity to PACS, HIS/RIS and imagers

“The DX-D Retrofit also helps with repeats,” continues Sara, “in that with instant imaging your patient is still in the same position so it makes it much simpler and faster to take another image. You can make minor tweaks instead of allowing the patient to relax or have to call them back and try to figure out exactly what it was that you missed the first time.”

## The unified look and feel across CR and DR pays dividends

In terms of drivers for going with the DX-D Retrofit, OHSU’s long relationship with and experience of Agfa HealthCare solutions was a major factor, as Sheven explains: “When we were considering transitioning to DR, it made sense to go with a viable solution that would be familiar to look at and that would enable us to keep the workflow as streamlined as possible. It becomes difficult for the radiologist when they have to look at different types of images on screen.

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It is a sentiment with which Sara is happy to agree. “If we decided to make a move toward retrofitting another room, I think that now we would all feel really comfortable with installing another DX-D Retrofit.”

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