



POINT-OF-CARE 360 DELIVERS EXCELLENT IMAGE QUALITY FOR ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY PRACTICE

Orthopedic surgeon Frank Schroeder, D.O., has no regrets about converting to digital imaging with the KODAK Point-of-Care 360 system from Carestream Health. "The image quality from the Point-of-Care 360 is excellent, and the ability to adjust exposure and use digital magnification is extremely helpful for diagnosis. This system also saves time and eliminates the need for chemistry, plumbing and film-related equipment," said Dr. Schroeder.

His practice, Creedmoor Orthopedics, sees dozens of patients a day in its office attached to South East Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. "The Point-of-Care 360 system is very easy for technologists to use and has also proven to be extremely reliable," he said.

The POC 360 system can be installed in about an hour. The intuitive touch screen user interface expedites training, even if technologists are not familiar with digital technology. "In addition to our technologists, our practice also offers internships for students enrolled in an LMRT (limited medical radiologic technologist) program. These students are unfamiliar with digital imaging hardware or software and they are able to easily understand how to use this CR system. That's the ultimate measure of its ease of use," explains Antonela Schroeder, D.D.S., who manages Creedmoor in addition to her own dental surgical practice.

Each patient normally requires at least two views, and the Point-of-Care 360 is easily able to handle the volume. The flexible tabletop system can provide throughput of over 60 14-x-17 inch cassettes per hour. Imaging studies are stored on the workstation and also on an external disk. Images can also be burned to CDs for patient use. The practice also plans to mirror its archive onto two external disks for extra security in the event of a disk failure.

RGV Imaging Service, an authorized distributor, marketed the system and provided user training.

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