



**Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula  
First Breast Center in California to Initiate U-Systems SOMO•INSIGHT Study**

Enrolling Patients in National Study to Evaluate Sensitivity of the somo•v™ Automated Breast Ultrasound System (ABUS) in Combination with Mammography to Detect Breast Cancer

**MONTEREY, Calif., October 26, 2009** – U-Systems announced today that Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula’s Breast Care Center has initiated participation in the SOMO•INSIGHT Clinical Study. The first breast center in California to participate, Community Hospital is recruiting participants for the national clinical study designed to evaluate whether digital mammography in combination with the somo•v Automated Breast Ultrasound System (ABUS) from U-Systems is more sensitive to detecting breast lesions when compared to mammography alone in women with dense breasts.

“We are pleased to take part in this important study evaluating potential new approaches to the early detection of breast cancer, particularly in women with dense breasts, which historically have been difficult to screen,” said Susan G. Roux, M.D., medical director of the Breast Care Center and principal investigator for the SOMO•INSIGHT clinical study at Community Hospital. “Despite recent criticism of screening, we strongly believe that early detection is critical and we are gratified to be able to provide women in the Monterey Peninsula area with access to a technology that could potentially detect tumors earlier in the fight against breast cancer.”

The initiation of this multi-center study, which intends to recruit over 20,000 women, is an important milestone for U-Systems in evaluating new approaches to improved cancer detection. Screening mammography can be limited in women with dense breasts and these women may have a higher risk of breast cancer. ABUS uses ultrasound (sound waves) at a safe frequency to create images of the breast tissue, unlike mammography, which uses radiation. Ultrasound has been shown to find cancer not visible with mammography in women who have dense breasts. A new approach to improving breast cancer detection is critical for women with dense breasts who undergo mammography. It is for this reason that U-Systems developed the somo•v and is sponsoring the SOMO•INSIGHT clinical study.

“We are very excited to be initiating the SOMO•INSIGHT Clinical Study with Dr. Roux and Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula,” said Ron Ho, president and CEO of U-Systems. “We believe that somo•v™ ABUS technology will play a vital role in significantly advancing breast cancer screening in the community hospital setting. The use of the somo•v™ ABUS in combination with mammography may aid the physician in earlier detection of breast cancer for this large group of asymptomatic women with increased breast density.”

**About U-Systems**

U-Systems is the leader in developing dedicated breast ultrasound systems. For more information, please visit our website at [www.u-systems.com](http://www.u-systems.com). The U-Systems somo•v Automated Breast Ultrasound System (ABUS) is currently cleared under 510(k). The device is indicated for use as an adjunct to mammography for B-mode ultrasonic imaging of a patient’s breast when used with an automatic scanning linear array transducer. The device is not intended to be used as a replacement for screening mammography.

**About Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula**

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, founded in 1934 and located at 23625 Holman Highway in Monterey, has grown and evolved in direct response to the changing healthcare needs of the people it serves. It is a nonprofit healthcare provider with 205 staffed acute-care hospital beds and 28 skilled-nursing beds, delivering a continuum of care from birth to end of life, and every stage in between. It serves the Monterey Peninsula and surrounding communities through 15 locations, including the main hospital, outpatient facilities, satellite

laboratories, a mental health clinic, a short-term skilled nursing facility, Hospice of the Central Coast, and business offices. Find more information about Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula at [www.chomp.org](http://www.chomp.org).

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