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New U.S. reimbursement code confirms C-RAD Sentinel™ concept

C-RAD AB with its three fully owned subsidiaries develops new and innovative solutions for the use in advanced radiation therapy. The company is announcing a new CPT® code in the U.S., which will enable clinics to claim reimbursement when using the Sentinel™ system for continuous monitoring of the patient during treatment.

The American Medical Association (AMA) has recently assigned a new Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code, 0197T, for “intrafraction tracking”. Clinics can begin using this code on January 1, 2009, to file claims for reimbursement from private as well as governmental health insurance systems when using the Sentinel™ and its newly released cMotion application for motion detection.

The C-RAD Sentinel™ is an advanced laser-camera based system that can be used for multiple applications. In contrast to conventional image guidance systems, the Sentinel™ does not add any dose to the patient nor does it require any reference markers to be placed. In addition to the already released functionalities for patient positioning and motion detection, support for respiratory gating is currently being developed. A first prototype of the gating functionality has been demonstrated at the ESTRO and ASTRO events 2008. This new application will also be covered by the newly assigned reimbursement code.

Erik Hedlund, CEO, C-RAD AB:

“The assignment of this new reimbursement code confirms the importance of continuous verification of the patient position during treatment. It will dramatically increase the market potential for the Sentinel™ system – not only in the U.S., but also in the rest of the world.”

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About C-RAD AB

C-RAD develops new and innovative solutions for the use in advanced radiation therapy. The company group of C-RAD offers products and solutions for patient positioning, tumor localization and radiation treatment systems. End users are radiation therapy clinics worldwide. All product development is conducted in three fully owned subsidiaries; C-RAD Positioning AB, C-RAD Imaging AB and C-RAD Innovation AB. C-RAD Imaging AB is located in Östersund while the other companies are located in Uppsala. Number of employees are currently 19 people. The activities in C-RAD AB originates in research and development at the Karolinska Institutet in Solna and the The Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm. Sales of the company’s first product, the C-RAD Sentinel™, started during autumn 2006. A co-operation agreement has been signed with the German company LAP. Distribution agreements has also been established for USA, Japan, Korea, China and Italy. C-RAD AB is a listed company on Aktietorget since 23 July 2007.