



News Release

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Merge Announces Release of New Imaging Solution for Orthopedics **New and Comprehensive Image Management and Digital Templating Solution for Orthopedics**

CHICAGO, July 12, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Merge Healthcare Incorporated (Nasdaq:[MRGE](#)), a leading provider of clinical systems and innovations that seek to transform healthcare, today announced the release of [Merge OrthoPACS™](#), a comprehensive image management and digital templating solution for orthopedics. Merge OrthoPACS lets orthopedic surgeons access images taken at multiple locations in a single viewer, diagnose from anywhere at anytime, plan for surgery with digital templating, and securely archive studies.

"Merge's OrthoPACS solution successfully demonstrates our large investment and commitment to the orthopedic market," said Jeff Surges, CEO of Merge Healthcare. "We've combined new and innovative functionality with proven underlying technology to deliver a truly unified orthopedic-specific PACS solution. Additionally, we're excited to now offer OrthoPACS in a subscription model that will address clients' requirements for pricing that more closely aligns with their long-term operating plans."

"We've already begun upgrading our practice to Merge OrthoPACS," said Bradley Dick, chief information officer at Resurgens Orthopaedics, Georgia's largest orthopedic practice. "With Merge OrthoPACS, we'll migrate from a legacy product to true DICOM archive technology which will make it easier to share and manage images across our 21 offices in metro Atlanta."

Orthopedic surgeons will find that the new solution seamlessly fits into and enhances their current workflow. For example:

- Orthopedic-specific workflows are built into Merge OrthoPACS, from clinic use to the operating room.
- The Merge OrthoPACS zero-footprint client viewer can be the sole viewer for an orthopedic practice. That means reading images will be no different whether a surgeon reads from their workstation, their iPad, or another device.
- The Merge OrthoPACS viewer also provides access to pre-surgical templating, including advanced measurements and automated hip templating.

About Merge

Merge is a leading provider of clinical systems and innovations that seek to transform healthcare. Merge's enterprise and cloud-based solutions for image intensive specialties provide access to any image, anywhere, any time. Merge also provides health stations, clinical trials software and other health data and analytics solutions that engage consumers in their personal health. With solutions that are used by providers and consumers and include more than 20 years of innovation, Merge is helping to reduce costs and improve the quality of healthcare worldwide. For more information, visit merge.com.

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