



## News Release

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### **St. Joseph's Imaging Associates Selects Merge's Radiology Suite**

*Replaces existing system with Merge solutions for information and image management*

Chicago, IL (May 21, 2013) [Merge Healthcare Incorporated](#) (NASDAQ: MRGE), a leading provider of clinical systems and innovations that seek to transform healthcare, today announced that [St. Joseph's Imaging](#) of Syracuse, NY has selected Merge's Outpatient Radiology Suite consisting of Merge's radiology information system, picture archiving communication solution, [document management](#), [referring physician engagement](#) and [medical image sharing](#) solution.

"We needed to replace aging systems and wanted to work with a partner who could meet the day-to-day needs of our imaging centers and also address the many upcoming challenges and opportunities facing our business because of regulations, industry updates, and changing technology," explained Olga Stanton, Director of Radiology, St. Joseph's Imaging Associates.

"With the [Merge RIS™](#) and [Merge PACS™](#), we will be able to manage our daily operations with an integrated system that will reduce duplicate data entry and errors, as well as meet [Meaningful Use compliance](#). We will also be utilizing [Merge Referral Portal™](#) and [iConnect® Access\\*](#) solution to give our referring physicians the ability to place orders with us and access reports and even patient images online," Stanton concluded.

"Replacing our RIS and PACS is a big undertaking for our IT department and our staff, so we carefully considered all options before making the decision to partner with Merge," added Tammy Wilson, RIS Administrator. "Our initial plan was to replace our PACS only, but after seeing the value in an integrated solution and understanding how Merge will help us meet future requirements in areas like Meaningful Use Stage 2, it made sense to replace all our systems with Merge."

"With imaging centers like St. Joseph's under mounting pressure to deal with increasingly competitive markets, changing reimbursement models and long claim-payment cycles, integrated RIS and PACS systems can improve staff and clinician efficiency, increase revenue capture and ultimately improve patient volume," said Jeff Surges, CEO, Merge Healthcare. "With an integrated RIS and PACS and solutions to more closely engage with their referring physicians, they will be well-positioned to meet their current challenges and future requirements."

The [Merge Outpatient Radiology Suite](#) provides an integrated suite of solutions for an entire radiology business. From the modality to the front office to the back office, Merge solutions deliver more efficient workflow from scheduling through report distribution and billing. Merge provides solutions for easier

access to archived images, faster financial return, and the functionality to meet Meaningful Use.

\*iConnect Access is not FDA-cleared for diagnostic use on mobile devices.

### **About Merge Healthcare**

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 25 years of innovation, Merge is helping to reduce costs and improve the quality of healthcare worldwide. For more information, visit [merge.com](http://merge.com).

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