WELLSTAR HEALTH SYSTEM SELECTS MERGE HEALTHCARE FOR ENTERPRISE-WIDE CARDIOLOGY IMAGE MANAGEMENT

Scalable image management solution addresses future growth needs; reduces patient care costs

Chicago, IL (February 8, 2012) Merge Healthcare (NASDAQ: MRGE), a leading provider of enterprise imaging and interoperability solutions, today announced that WellStar Health System, a 1,300+ bed healthcare system in Atlanta, will implement the Merge Cardio solution across its five hospitals and eight outpatient locations to create an integrated and scalable enterprise-wide imaging platform.

“As imaging volume grows across a large multi-location enterprise like WellStar, it’s increasingly important to have a cardiology image management system that includes a high-availability archive solution that replicates at the application level between two separate data centers,” said Jeff Surges, CEO, Merge Healthcare. “Without it, you risk major system failure and costly enterprise-level management. The Merge Cardio solution is a vendor neutral, standards-based image management solution that allows WellStar to select any cardiovascular image modality brand without the concern of compatibility issues.”

Merge Cardio is an enterprise-level image and information system that integrates patient information from different sources into a centralized web-based system so cardiologists can quickly access their patient’s complete cardiology file, generate a report and distribute it in a single session, from anywhere.

Merge Cardio integrates with the industry’s leading health information systems and electronic health records systems for interoperable image exchange, a key component of an overall strategy to provide secure and timely access to patient information regardless of location and affiliation.

Additionally, because Merge Cardio is a robust imaging and diagnostic workstation that supports all modalities, it enables improved workflow so that cardiologists can focus on patient care, procedures and exams, and the cardiology department can operate more efficiently and cost effectively.

About Merge Healthcare
Merge Healthcare is a leading provider of enterprise imaging and interoperability solutions, with a client base consisting of more than 1,500 hospitals and 6,000 clinics across the country. Merge solutions facilitate the sharing of images to create a more effective and efficient electronic healthcare experience for patients and physicians. Merge provides enterprise imaging solutions for radiology, cardiology, orthopaedics and eye care; a suite of products for clinical trials; software for financial and pre-surgical management, and applications that fuel the largest modality vendors in the world. Merge’s products have been
used by healthcare providers, vendors and researchers worldwide to improve patient care for more than 20 years. Additional information can be found at www.merge.com.

About WellStar
WellStar Health System is a not-for-profit system recognized as a national leader in comprehensive care. Staying ahead of the curve in technology has enabled WellStar to be leaders in both the diagnosis and treatment of an extensive array of health conditions. Serving a population of more than one million residents of NW metropolitan Atlanta, WellStar consistently looks at total patient wellness and works to ensure that all systems support that focus. With industry awards ranging from Integrated Delivery Networks to Working Mother Magazine’s Best Places to Work, WellStar strives to provide the best care possible with Atlanta’s top medical professionals. Specialists and primary care providers work in a multi-disciplinary environment with more than 12,000 diverse team members throughout our five hospitals and physician offices. By working through a patient-centered model of care, WellStar places enormous value on quality and safety with many accolades to support our work.

Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements
The matters discussed in this news release may include forward-looking statements, which could involve a number of risks and uncertainties. When used in this press release, the words “will,” “believes,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “expects” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, such forward-looking statements. Except as expressly required by the federal securities laws, the Company undertakes no obligation to update such factors or to publicly announce the results of any of the forward-looking statements.

###