Fast Forward

Digital Radiography Upgrade Program

Fast Forward your radiology department with Agfa HealthCare as your partner
With Agfa HealthCare, you aren’t just buying a digital radiography system — you are getting a pathway to the future. No matter where you are in your digital evolution, you want to experience all the benefits that digital imaging technology has to offer. As a loyal customer, we want to help you fast forward through the steps that meet your current and future needs.

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We put the latest trends and technologies at your disposal, including diagnostic confidence with MUSICA image processing and effective dose management, so you know you have a solution that will support your organization both today and in the future.
Special promotion and financing programs may be available to help you Fast Forward your radiographic room(s) or even your entire department from CR to DR. Speak to your Agfa HealthCare sales representative for more information.
Fast Forward includes our ‘stage-by-stage’ guidance to support and improve your digital imaging evolution:

1. Advance along the path from computed radiography (CR) using traditional powder imaging plates (IP’s) to either the latest generation of CR using crystalline Cesium needle IP’s or directly towards cassette-less based direct radiography (DR) with dose reductions of 50% and more.

2. Add industry-leading MUSICA image processing software, now in its 3rd generation, to your CR or DR solution.

3. Keep your acquisition station secure and ensure continued software support, with any software improvements and trends.

4. Add the strength and expertise of Agfa HealthCare’s support services to your facility.

Never standing still

Healthcare will never stand still: it continues to move toward better patient care, greater efficiency and enhanced workflows.

Now is the time to Fast Forward!
Advance to DR quality and workflow

Maximize your existing investments and move your technology forward by easily transitioning from CR powder IP technology to CR needle IP technology, or directly towards DR.

Whether you choose Retrofit DR, mobile DR or a complete DR room, we have a solution for your examination and budget requirements. We offer detector options from wireless to tethered detectors, and Cesium Iodide (CsI) to Gadolinium Oxy-Sulphide (GOS) technology, as well as multiple room options, including U-arm, floor and ceiling-mounted DR X-ray configurations.

A Retrofit DR panel is an investment in your future. When you’re ready to replace an X-ray room, you can continue to use your Retrofit DR detector in your new room or by DR panel sharing. Your Retrofit DR can deliver cost savings and workflow flexibility while providing technology upgrades in areas inside and outside radiology, including cross-table work, mobile units, emergency rooms, operating rooms and intensive care areas.

Our cassette-sized DR detectors, with an image size of 35 x 43 cm, are easy to use with any standard bucky tray; we also offer a smaller sized detector for orthopaedic, pediatric and neonatal applications.

The benefits of DR are clear

- Improved workflow and reduced examination time
- Immediate verification of patient positioning and image quality
- Improved accuracy of patient identification
- Potential for dose reduction with CsI detectors

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A new generation of image quality and improved workflow

MUSICA: Raising the bar on image quality
For decades, Agfa HealthCare’s MUSICA software has been taking image processing to the next level, as the first digital radiography image processing software to automatically produce optimized output images. Now you can upgrade to the next generation of our gold-standard MUSICA image processing software and get the most out of your images.

Next generation MUSICA enhances visualization of traditional radiographic problem areas to provide:
- High level of detail in the mediastinum
- Sharp trabecular and cortical bone
- Balanced presentation of both soft tissue and overlapping bone structures
- Clear visualization of subtle details in the abdomen
- True representation of orthopaedic implants with clear bone interfaces

In addition to these benefits, MUSICA is applied automatically without the need for time-consuming window leveling or re-processing of images, making MUSICA more productive for both technologists and physicians.

Expect nothing less than improved workflow and productivity
Improve your radiography workflow and efficiency with the newest MUSICA workstation. Designed by and for technologists, this workstation is intuitive, user-friendly and provides the same workflow for CR and DR. It also connects seamlessly with hospital information systems using industry standards to provide efficient and effective system interoperability. With the MUSICA workstation, the imaging workflow can be standardized throughout your facility, thus reducing training requirements and costs.

All Agfa HealthCare CR and DR systems also offer extensive dose management tools to meet the demands of your quality control programs and help you optimize patient radiation dose.
Upgrade and improve your operating system

The Microsoft Windows XP operating system used in older NX workstations is no longer supported by Microsoft as of April 2014. Because Microsoft Windows XP is more susceptible to malware attacks than newer operating systems, continuing to use it may expose you to potential risks and even inadequate protection of patient data. Now is the time for you to switch to Microsoft Windows 7 and Agfa HealthCare can help with Fast Forward.

We were the first company to fully implement into our modalities the exposure index standard, which reduces the possibility for exposure errors. Technologists only need to remember 1 method for monitoring exposure changes, regardless of which vendor’s imaging technology is being used.

What’s more, you can easily track, store and perform analyses on radiation dose data across multiple modalities, departments and institutions, with IMPAX REM (radiation exposure monitoring). PACS and modality-vendor neutral, it lets you share disparate data and use it for analysis. It also includes a data modeling tool, while simple integration with other radiology department systems means dose history can be accessed from anywhere.

Services and support for greater ROI

With a first-class, highly skilled services and support team, Agfa HealthCare Service provides the solid sense of confidence you need for your daily operations. As you move forward with digital imaging technology, our worldwide team of service professionals is available to provide you with support during all phases of your project. Their goal: to give you an even higher return on your investment.

No surprises. Just solid confidence. Accidents happen. Protect your Agfa HealthCare portable DR detector from accidental damage with our Damage Assistance Program (DAsP). With DAsP as an add-on to your DR services package or portable DR detector warranty extension, you can avoid unexpected repair or replacement costs. A fixed yearly fee and a minimal co-pay for any accident provides you the peace of mind of knowing you can depend on your portable DR detector – with no costly surprises.

Fast Forward: Where will your evolution take you?

Contact your Agfa HealthCare sales representative to discuss the options that can help you move forward on your digital journey. Whichever Agfa HealthCare solution you select, you can rely on the experience of our Sales and Service professionals for expertise and guidance.
Agfa HealthCare is a global leader in the fast growing market of integrated IT and imaging systems, offering healthcare facilities a seamless flow of information and a 360° view of patient care. The company has a unique, holistic approach, enabling it to provide in-depth clinical know-how and fully integrated hospital-wide solutions. These specialized solutions integrate IT and imaging systems for Radiology, Cardiology, Mammography and Orthopaedics. Agfa HealthCare’s Services offers additional services to ensure the reliability and functionality of Agfa HealthCare’s Direct Radiography solutions – providing peace of mind for radiologists, their staff and their patients.

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