

## **SuperSonic Imagine has installed three Aixplorer ultrasound systems in the Pays d'Aix Hospital**

*SuperSonic Imagine serve more than 70 hospitals in France.*

**Aix-en-Provence, France, 19 May 2014** - SuperSonic Imagine (Euronext: SSI, FR0010526814), a company specializing in ultrasound medical imaging, is pleased to announce the installation of three Aixplorer ultrasound systems in the Pays d'Aix Hospital, main hospital of Aix-en-Provence area.

With the ongoing aim of providing all of its patients with the most innovative technology, the Pays d'Aix Hospital brought in three Aixplorer ultrasound systems to be used for general imaging, breast screening and urology.

*"The entire staff at the Aix Hospital is very satisfied with the performance of the Aixplorer system. In the gynecology & obstetrics ward, directed by Dr Pierre Opinel, head of the women & infant unit, and Dr Alexandre Lazard, gynecological surgeon, the new ultrasound system enabled us to implement complete breast screening and diagnostic within a single day"* explains Joël Bouffies, director of the Pays d'Aix Hospital.

Aixplorer, which has been on the market since 2009, is the only ultrasound system equipped with ShearWave Elastography™<sup>1</sup>. This innovation provides physicians with quantitative information on the stiffness of tissue in real time and in a non-invasive manner. This can be extremely useful in the detection and characterization of lesions in the diagnosis and monitoring of various pathologies.

As Jacques Souquet, founder and CEO of SuperSonic Imagine explains, *"As a company from Aix, we are particularly proud to be working with the Pays d'Aix Hospital. The hospital boasts cutting edge facilities that benefit patients from the entire region. So far, we have installed 130 systems in France and more than 800 around the world."*

Since its initial introduction on the market just five years ago when it was first applied to breast diagnostic, Aixplorer has constantly evolved and now covers 3D breast imaging, obstetrics, gynecology, and pediatrics as well as imaging of the thyroid, liver, abdomen, muscles/tendons, the prostate, and the vascular system.

### **About SuperSonic Imagine**

Founded in 2005 and based in Aix-en-Provence (France), SuperSonic Imagine is a company specializing in medical imaging. The company designs, develops and markets a new generation ultrasound system, Aixplorer®, with an UltraFast™ platform that can acquire images 200 times faster than conventional ultrasound systems. Aixplorer® is the only system that can image two types of waves: ultrasound waves ensure excellent image quality and shear waves, which allow physicians to visualize and analyze the stiffness of tissue in a real-time, reliable, reproducible and non-invasive manner. This innovation, ShearWave™ Elastography, significantly improves the detection and characterization of numerous pathologies in several applications including breast, thyroid, liver and prostate. SuperSonic Imagine has been granted regulatory clearances for the commercialization of Aixplorer® on the main markets. Over the past years, SuperSonic Imagine enjoyed the backing of several prestigious investors, among which Auriga Partners, Edmond de Rothschild Investment Partners, Bpifrance, Omnes Capital and NBGI.

<sup>1</sup> The ShearWave Elastography™ concept—developed by the young innovative company, SuperSonic Imagine based in Aix-en-Provence—can be used to assess the stiffness of tissue in a qualitative and quantitative manner. The non-invasive system provides an objective estimation of the stiffness of tissue in real time: the elasticity of the tissue can be visualised and measured using ultrasound, providing additional information to allow practitioners to better characterise pathologies.

For more information about SuperSonic Imagine, please go to [www.supersonicimagine.com](http://www.supersonicimagine.com)

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**About the General Hospital Aix-Pertuis**

The General Hospital Aix-Pertuis (Centre Hospitalier du Pays d'Aix - Centre Hospitalier Intercommunal Aix-Pertuis) is a referral establishment in Provence. It is part of the Territory Hospital Community covering a territory of over 600 000 inhabitants: the Bouches-du-Rhône North (Public Hospitals of Aix-en-Provence and Salon-de-Provence), South Vaucluse (Public Hospital of Pertuis) and the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence (Public Hospitals of Manosque and Digne-les-Bains). Thanks to this community, many medical projects could have been developed, which put the patient at the heart of the plan by organizing a coherent course and by facilitating the access to care.

Key figures of the General Hospital of Aix-Pertuis:

- 52 medical, surgical and medical departments
- 2747 medical and non-medical staff
- 192 hospital doctors, 110 back doctors, 34 assistant doctors, 53 internal
- 920 beds and places
- € 201.4 million of consolidated operating budget
- 150 531 public outpatient
- 62,058 stays
- 166,818 days of full hospitalization
- 30,098 hospitalizations and day sessions MCO
- 38,231 entries in traditional hospital
- 4.4 days average length of stay in MCO
- 2787 deliveries
- 75,465 ER visits approximately 207 admissions / day

For more information about the General Hospital of Aix-Pertuis, please go to <http://www.ch-aix.fr>

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