



PRESS RELEASE

The Oxford Pleural Service purchases Esaote MyLab™Alpha Ultrasound system

The Oxford Pleural Service has recently installed a MyLab™Alpha ultrasound system. The new system allows the team to offer treatment at the patient's bedside. This also means that all interventions can be carried out under guidance.

The Oxford Pleural team are all trained to RCR guidelines for the use of ultrasound. One of the first patients to receive treatment with the system was a lady with metastatic ovarian cancer on the oncology ward at the Churchill Hospital. Her care was considered to be palliative; the patient was unconscious and considered to be moribund, the team were able to use the MyLab™Alpha at the bedside and found a massive pleural effusion. The patient was considered too unwell to be moved to radiology and so intervention was provided at the bedside using the MyLab™Alpha for guidance. Some days later the patient was conscious and able to be discharged. Dr Raman said: "This is a perfect example of how what we do not only affects the hospital costs with in-patient beds but also dramatically affects the quality of life for patients and in this case meant the patient was able to return home."

Dr Rahman said he was really pleased with the MyLab™Alpha for its "incredible imaging quality, intuitive operating system and control panel which make image adjustment quick and easy, and wonderful portability."

As one of the innovative centres for pleural disease in the UK the MyLab™Alpha will also be used in a series of research studies.

The teams are already using a MyLab™25Gold for an ongoing study and prior to the purchase of the MyLab™Alpha used a MyLab™70XVG in radiology.



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