

Attendance Surges at Fourth Annual CyberKnife® Society and Users' Group Meeting

Sessions focusing on urology, thoracic and general surgery attract standing-room-only crowds, highlight the growing diversity of applications for the CyberKnife System

Half Moon Bay, California, April 6, 2005 - Accuray Incorporated, the world leader in image-guided full-body radiosurgery, is pleased to announce record attendance at the Fourth Annual CyberKnife® Society and Users' Group Meeting, the largest gathering in the event's history. The symposium, which sold out weeks in advance, brought together more than 200 of the world's leading surgeons, oncologists, and medical physicists for four days of lively scientific discussion, professional development and free exchange of ideas. Attendees were struck by the extraordinary quality and breadth of presentations. Attendants agreed that the most exciting developments emerging from the event were recent advancements in emerging clinical applications for the CyberKnife Radiosurgery System. Particularly well received were a series of rigorous scientific sessions on new advancements in urology, thoracic procedures and general surgery.

John R. Adler, Jr., M.D., President of the CyberKnife Society, commented on the remarkable growth of the conference. "This year's event was attended by more than twice as many participants as last year, which speaks directly to the greater awareness of the CyberKnife within the healthcare community, and its effectiveness in the treatment of a growing diversity of cancers. Bolstering this point, the conference's clinical and scientific presentations were evenly balanced between sessions on intracranial, spinal and extracranial ablation. Many sessions were standing room only, and the response to the paneled course on the treatment of prostate tumors --- which took place Sunday morning --- was overwhelming. The work being done in this area shows great promise for improved clinical outcomes, and it was heartening to see that positive message getting out to so many enthusiastic surgeons and radiation oncologists."

Held at the Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay, the event attracted representatives from CyberKnife locations around the world. A total of 35 presentations and discussions were featured, centering on clinical experience, treatment guidelines and treatment protocols. Recent technological advancements have significantly broadened clinical applications for the CyberKnife System, including the ablation of tumors and lesions of the pancreas, liver and other soft tissues. Case studies and accounts of successful treatments in these areas dominated the discussion at many sessions. The number of hospital administrators and executives in attendance was up significantly

from previous years, highlighting the growing presence of the CyberKnife within the health care community.

“It was especially gratifying that this year’s CyberKnife Society and Users’ Group Meeting featured breakout sessions specifically for administrators,” said Euan Thomson, Ph.D., President & CEO of Accuray. “As clinicians continue to diversify applications for the CyberKnife System, hospital executives are taking on a greater role in the management of this valuable resource. Furthermore, this year’s conference left little doubt that the CyberKnife System is redefining the radiosurgery market. Presentations on pancreas, lung and liver treatments, each of which represented positive outcomes, showed that the CyberKnife has become the first-choice option among a growing number of cancer specialists for the treatment of extracranial tumors and lesions. With attendees telling me over and over again that they are looking forward to next year’s event, I expect we will see another attendance record broken in 2006.”

Dr. Philip Colletier, a radiation oncologist with Mercy Therapeutic Radiology Associates in Des Moines, Iowa, was impressed by the quality of the instructional sessions and panels. “It was the best meeting I’ve ever been to, and my senior partner agreed,” he said. “Every session we attended was distinguished by thorough research, exacting scientific standards, and engaging speakers and moderators. Having attended dozens of conferences over the years we have become pretty picky, and we found the CyberKnife Meeting much more informative than typical industry events. No one’s done it so well before.”

“Sharing ideas and stories with other clinicians is always a highlight of the Users’ Group Meeting. Having the opportunity to reach out to so many other healthcare professionals at this year’s event was exceptionally rewarding,” said Dr. Ellen Bellairs, a radiation oncologist and co-director of the CyberKnife Center at St. Joseph’s Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota. “What we hear from our patients is that the CyberKnife gives them renewed hope. In many cases we are treating patients who were heavily pretreated and unable to undergo further chemo, surgery or standard radiation treatments. These are patients who know firsthand how distressing cancer treatments can be, so they are often elated to find that CyberKnife treatments are surprisingly uneventful, and often bring pain relief between fractions or stages.”

About the CyberKnife System

The CyberKnife Stereotactic Radiosurgery System is a non-invasive, 100% frameless image-guided radiosurgery system that ablates tumors and other lesions anywhere in the body without invasive surgery. The CyberKnife System treats in single or staged (typically 2-5) sessions, and monitors internal reference points in the anatomy (skeletal landmarks or small implanted markers) to correct for patient movement in real time during actual treatment. It delivers multiple beams of precisely directed radiation that converge upon the tumor while minimizing injury to surrounding healthy tissue. It is the only system in the world that integrates real-time image guidance and robotic delivery of radiation to deliver proven sub-millimeter “total clinical accuracy.”

The unique CyberKnife technology was developed in cooperation with Stanford University. The CyberKnife is 510(k) cleared by the FDA (in the United States) and has CE approval (in Europe) to treat anywhere in the body where radiation treatment is indicated. To date, the CyberKnife System has treated over 10,000 patients worldwide.

About Accuray

Located in Sunnyvale, California, Accuray is a privately held corporation dedicated to revolutionizing the treatment of solid cancer tumors anywhere in the body by the precise delivery of high doses of radiation using the CyberKnife Stereotactic Radiosurgery System. Through the development and marketing of the CyberKnife System, and participation in ongoing clinical research at prominent hospitals, Accuray and its customers are making stereotactic radiosurgery a viable and accessible option for cancer patients worldwide.

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