Take the challenge: Siemens Healthcare launches Canada-wide CT and MRI Excellence Case and Image Contests

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Siemens Healthcare is encouraging Canadian physicians to share their work in Computed Tomography (CT) imaging and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) by entering two new contests launched by Siemens Canada Limited this week. Institutions and clinics from across the country are invited to submit their best clinical images, produced by Siemens CT and MRI devices, to a jury of renowned Canadian doctors and Siemens clinical and business experts. Both competitions open July 31 and close September 30, with the winners being announced at the Siemens Canada Innovations Symposium 2012 being held October 12-14 in Toronto.

“CT and MRI images, besides being essential to patient diagnosis and treatment, are also quite colourful and visually interesting,” says Jim Graziadei, VP Siemens Healthcare. “A similar international contest was launched in 2010 with amazing results – more than 300 images from 30 countries. We’re looking forward to seeing the best of what Canadian physicians can produce with our equipment.”

CT Case and Image Contest:

Siemens’ goal is to provide physicians with solutions that enable them to further lower radiation dose without having to compromise on image quality. Contest applicants may submit complete cases with images in these categories: Cardiac, Vascular, Trauma, and Routine (Thorax, Abdomen, Pelvis, Extremities, Neuro). Eligible entries must utilize Siemens SOMATOM CT scanners to the full extent and should be images obtained with the lowest possible radiation dose.

MRI Case and Image Contest:

Siemens has brought more than thirty years of MRI innovation to world healthcare facilities. Contest applicants may submit complete cases with images in these categories: Brain, Head and Neck, Chest, Abdomen and Pelvis and Day Optimized Throughput (DOT). Eligible entries must utilize Siemens MAGNETOM MRI scanners to the full extent. Qualified contestants will receive an invitation to upload their cases with images to a secure website.

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About Siemens Healthcare

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