SPS launches several new products from Carestream Health

Carestream Health, formerly known as Kodak Health Group, is celebrating its first anniversary as an independent company by focusing on international growth and introducing a spate of more than 25 new digital products and services.

Samir Photographic Supplies (SFS), the KSA partner of Carestream Health will be a part of this celebration as it introduces some of healthcare industry’s latest innovations in the Kingdom.

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Carestream Health is building momentum in each of its businesses. Its Digital Medical Solutions business provides complete workflow solutions from general radiography to specialty applications like mammography, urology, and orthopedics-to meet the needs of all healthcare providers. It develops the tools that enable the transition to digital by improving exam workflow, delivering high-resolution x-ray image quality, consoli-dating patient information, and enhancing communication among care providers, thereby answering the challenges of rising medical costs while improving patient care.

The Dental System group continues expanding its global leadership as a premier provider of advanced dental digital imaging systems and practice management solutions. Another key business, the Molecular Imaging Systems team, develops digital imaging systems, imaging agents, film and accessories for the life science market and drug discovery markets.

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Dear Doctors

The Emirates Medical Association Dental Society have great pleasure to inform you that we in cooperation with the Sharjah Dental School is organizing the "2nd Sharjah Dental College & the 14th EMA International Dental conference" from 14th to 17th October 2008 at Sharjah University, Dental school.

The registration fee and other information is as follows:

2. Oct 14th, 2008 – Pre conference course – 9AM till 5PM – Modern Restorative Materials – Hands on – Dhs. 500/- (CME hours under process – expecting 5hrs)
3. Oct 15th to 17th, 2008 – Conference – Fees – Students Dhs. 350/- (provided their student ID), EMA Valid members – Dhs. 450/- (please provide the ID), Non members – Dhs. 600/-

Please do not hesitate to contact in the following address for any more queries or information:

If you are interested please book your seat at the earliest

Thank you and waiting for your kind response

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Hospital, because he fears being attacked on route to his home-town, an insurgent stronghold north of Baghdad. He refused to give his name for publication because he still fears being targeted. For every doctor who comes back, nine stay away.

Some 8,000 physicians, most of them specialists, have abandoned jobs at government health centers since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, most seeking refuge abroad and a few hundred heading to the relative safety of Iraq's Kurdish region. Many ran from a violent campaign by extremists and crime gangs that targeted Iraq's elite. Their departure has further crippled a healthcare system plagued by corruption, mismanagement and a lack of equipment and drugs.

Only four of 10 elevators work at the 17-story Surgical Hospital, and patients wait a month for root canal treatment at a Baghdad dental hospital because surgeons lack electricity and anesthetics.

Health Minister Dr. Salih Al-Hasnawi said getting doctors back is key to turning the situation around. Al-Hasnawi has floated the idea of turning Baghdad's Medical City, a five-hospital complex near the Tigris River, into a safety zone for visiting emigre specialists.

He's even come up with a catchy name - the "White Zone" - similar to Baghdad's fortress-like "Green Zone" for international staff. Al-Hasnawi promoted the plan in a meeting in Jordan with Iraqi doctors. "Our proposal is that the military can provide security for this complex, and we bring doctors from outside Iraq because it is a secure area," he said in an interview at the Rashid Hotel in the Green Zone, where he and other Iraqi Cabinet ministers still live for security reasons.

"This is a first step in bringing the doctors home," he said.

Iraq needs 100,000 doctors and has only 15,500, said Adel Muhsin, a top Health Ministry official. Egypt and Jordan, by comparison, have almost four times as many - 24 per 10,000 residents to Iraq's six per 10,000. Iraqi rheumatologist Dr. Muneeb al-Huwais, who has settled in the Jordanian capital of Amman, said he likes the idea of the White Zone, but that it's not enough to lure him back. "When you leave the hospital and go home, you don't know what will happen to you," said the 61-year-old, who fled Iraq in late 2004 after being seized by a dozen gunmen outside his Baghdad clinic.

During a struggle, the abductors broke his right arm with a rifle butt, but released him five days later for $40,000 in ransom. Al-Huwais's experience isn't unusual. In the past five years, Iraq's doctors, professionals and academics have been targeted by militants trying to widen chaos or by extortion gangs going after the wealthy. Since 2005, at least 620 medical professionals, including 154 doctors, have been killed and many more threatened. "Simply, the goal is to destroy Iraq," Muhsin said.