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Medipass set to Install Varian's most Advanced Linac yet in Belfast



Varian TrueBeam™ System

As part of its 25-year MES contract with the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust, Medipass Healthcare announced today that it will install its 10th Varian linear accelerator at Northern Ireland's regional Cancer Centre in February 2014. The machine will be one of the most advanced linear accelerators in the UK – the Varian TrueBeam™ STx system.

This is particularly noteworthy as the Varian TrueBeam™ STx system will pave the way for the expected introduction of a Stereotactic Radiosurgery Service, the first of its kind in Northern Ireland.

According to a Varian spokesperson, "The STx system uses sophisticated imaging and respiration synchronization tools to visualize soft tissue during treatment and make changes accordingly. With new beam-shaping capabilities used with the High-Intensity Mode, it enables the delivery of large doses in small places."

"With this latest technology, clinicians will be able to perform radiosurgery procedures with exceptional ease and speed, with most treatments taking only a few minutes a day."

This 10th linear accelerator installation is part of a larger radiotherapy expansion project that has seen Medipass install three new TrueBeam linear accelerators over the last two years. Now with the fourth TrueBeam being installed, the Cancer Centre in Belfast will be a unique showcase of advanced technology for its MES provider, Medipass.

David Rolfe, Medipass CEO, said, "This is an excellent example of what an MES looks like when it works right; it benefits the entire marketplace as well as the obvious benefits it brings to the Trust, its staff and its patients. Our contract only required us to provide like-for-like equipment when we replaced the linear accelerators that had been transferred from the old Belvoir Park site to the new Cancer Centre in 2006. However, because of our partnership approach and excellent relationship with the major equipment manufacturers, we were able to work with Varian and the Trust to deliver above and beyond our contractual commitment."

About Medipass Healthcare Ltd:

- Medipass is a vendor-neutral, clinically led healthcare services business
- Medipass is part of the Kos healthcare group, providing medical technology services, rehabilitation hospitals, and long-term care across 83 sites, with over 4500 staff.
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