

New cross sectional imaging suite at William Harvey Hospital

Damien Green, MP for Ashford recently performed the official opening ceremony at the Cross sectional Imaging Suite of the William Harvey Hospital in East Kent.

This new suite provides state of the art cross sectional imaging in both CT and MR for the hospital and also other surrounding hospitals. The unit was purpose built and is equipped with a Siemens SOMATOM Multislice CT providing high resolution multislice imaging at low patient doses, and a Siemens MAGNETOM Symphony MRI scanner with world class Quantum gradients allowing a wide spectrum of applications.

Steve Griffiths, the Radiology Manager, is delighted with the installation and service support that has resulted in an enhanced range of investigations and increased throughput for the local area.

Steve said that the Syngo platform supporting both the CT and MR scanners aids the development of all staff to multi-skill, which is in line with their policy of staff development and role extension.

For more information contact Mike Bell on Tel. 01344 396317.



Pictured around the SOMATOM CT scanner are (L to R), Seonaid Floyd, Senior Radiographer, Meryl Davenport, Siemens, Sharon Smith, Senior Radiographer, James Coombes, Senior Radiographer, Alan Steward, Siemens, Debbie Mallon, Cross Sectional Imaging Superintendent and Dr David Rand, Lead Consultant Radiologist.

Video for Physiotherapists in PD



'Common mobility problems in Parkinson's disease and how to address them' is a video by Mariella Graziano, physiotherapist, made with the support of The Association of Physiotherapists in Parkinson's disease Europe (APPDE). The video shows simple and effective ways to overcome some of the movement difficulties associated with Parkinson's disease. It gives useful ideas on how to manage freezing, getting out of a chair, walking and doing two things at once. It will be of great help to people with Parkinson's disease, their carers and also an excellent resource for the multidisciplinary team.

The video includes a license so that you can show it to patients. It is available for 35 euros and can be purchased on line from: www.parkinsoninfo.dk/www-uk/shop.htm

Treatment for excessive daytime sleepiness

The recent British Thoracic Society Conference saw the launch of a new treatment for the excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) associated with obstructive sleep apnoea/hypopnea syndrome (OSAHS).

Provigil® (modafinil), an established treatment for narcolepsy, has received a licence extension for the treatment of EDS associated with OSAHS. Provigil helps restore a normal pattern of daytime alertness and is said to be a major new development in the treatment of OSAHS, an under-recognised and under-



diagnosed disorder.

Around 700,000 Britons suffer from OSAHS. During sleep, the upper airway collapses, causing an apnoea, in which the person stops breathing for up to 60 seconds. In response to the resulting low and dangerous oxygen levels,

The brain wakes the sufferer so that breathing can resume. The disturbances to sleep resulting from apnoeas can lead to excessive daytime sleepiness - the symptom that Provigil is now licensed to treat.

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Advanced Medical Equipment Ltd becomes Neuroscan distributor in the UK and Ireland

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recently announced their acquisition by Compumedics (www.compumedics.com) a leading manufacturer of diagnostic equipment for sleep research and neurophysiology based in Melbourne, Australia.

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