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Wolfson Children's Hospital is First in Florida to Embrace® Point-of Care MRI for its Most Vulnerable Patients

Patient-focused Embrace® Neonatal MRI System enables safer, quicker, and easier access to critical diagnostic imaging inside the hospital's new Neonatal Intensive Care Center.

Nashville, TN, November 28, 2021 – Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville has become the first health system in the state of Florida to install the Embrace® Neonatal MRI System, an innovative point-of-care imaging system from Aspect Imaging Ltd. that is designed exclusively for use on premature and critically-ill infants *inside* the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The installation is part of a major hospital expansion that includes The Borowy Family Children's Critical Care Tower, scheduled to open in early 2022. The new seven-story, five-floor tower will feature a state-of-the-art, 89-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Center, which will replace the hospital's current 56-bed Level II and Level III newborn ICUs.

"We are excited to be a part of this incredible milestone for Wolfson Children's Hospital", stated Wendy J. Slatery, Chief Commercial Officer for Aspect Imaging. "The addition of the Embrace® Neonatal MRI System demonstrates the health system's continued commitment to delivering the best in advanced neonatal care for newborn babies and their families throughout the region."

The Embrace® is uniquely designed to address the intricate needs of newborn babies, including those born prematurely. By having this innovative system installed inside the NICU at Wolfson Children's Hospital, the care team can leverage the benefits of MR imaging more quickly and safely for those who need it most. The Embrace® gives clinicians greater access to critical diagnostic information at the point of care, while eliminating the risks, complexities, time and added stress of transporting these extremely fragile patients to the Radiology department for scanning.

"MRI is a powerful diagnostic tool for neonatologists but unfortunately, its use has been limited in the NICU because many babies are simply too ill and too fragile to risk the journey to Radiology for traditional MRI methods." said Slatery. "With the Embrace®, babies remain safe and comfortable in their care environment with the NICU team and parents close by throughout the scanning process."

According to Wolfson Children's Hospital President, Michael Aubin FACHE, "The ability to have MRI on the floor where these babies are and get them in with no elevator ride, no long distances; to maintain their temperature and not have the assault on their senses, especially their hearing; all of these things are incredibly significant to get diagnoses for these babies."

The Embrace® Neonatal MRI System is equipped with distinct features designed precisely for the unique needs of the most fragile patients in the NICU, including:

- The first MRI system featuring a patient bed designed to provide thermal support for premature babies, avoiding the common occurrence of cold stress for the baby;
- A self-shielded magnet that enables complex equipment necessary for patient care to stay close to the magnet, while allowing parents to remain close to their baby during the scan.
- Quiet operation that won't disturb the patient and disrupt the quiet environment necessary in the NICU;
- A small footprint that fits perfectly in the NICU, where space is often limited, with no requirement of fully-shielded room construction;

- A full-color video display that enables continuous visual monitoring of the baby throughout the scanning process for clinicians and parents.

“Our team asked us to provide them with all of the equipment to make decisions to give the kids the best care possible.” Said President Aubin. “By adding the Embrace® System, we’ve added one of those pieces of the puzzle that is truly going to make a difference in the quality of care that we provide.”

“We’re seeing considerable interest in the unique benefits of the Embrace®, even more so due to the pandemic, as patient safety, infection control and workflow efficiency remain top of mind for health systems everywhere.” said Slatery. “Having the Embrace® at the point of care is simply a better solution that will support Wolfson Children’s Hospital and others like them, to obtain critical diagnostic data sooner for more informed care decisions; promote a safer, more family-focused approach to MR imaging; facilitate a less complicated, time-consuming workflow for the neonatal care and radiology teams; and create a less stressful experience for everyone.”

Aspect Imaging is dedicated to partnering with Wolfson Children’s Hospital and health systems around the world to advance neonatal care through better technology and better care solutions, specifically designed to achieve the best possible outcome for every patient.

About Wolfson Children’s Hospital of Jacksonville

[Wolfson Children's Hospital](#) in Jacksonville, Florida, is a part of [Baptist Health](#), Northeast Florida’s most comprehensive health system serving every stage of life. Wolfson Children’s is the only children’s hospital in Northeast Florida and serves as the pediatric referral center for North Florida, South Georgia and beyond. Staffed 24/7 by pediatric nurses and other healthcare professionals specially trained to work with children, the 216-bed, patient- and family-centered hospital features the latest pediatric medical technology in a welcoming, child-friendly environment. At Wolfson Children’s, nationally recognized pediatric specialists representing nearly every medical and surgical specialty work with pediatricians to provide care for children of all ages with congenital heart conditions, cancer, neurological disorders, diabetes and endocrinology disorders, orthopaedic conditions, behavioral health conditions, traumatic injuries, and more. Wolfson Children’s pediatric institutional partners

include [Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville](#), [UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh](#), the [University of Florida College of Medicine—Jacksonville](#) and [Mayo Clinic Florida](#). A Magnet™-designated hospital since 2010, Wolfson Children's Hospital has been named among the U.S. News & World Report 50 Best Children's Hospitals year after year, and in 2019, was selected as one of only 10 children's hospitals in the country as a Leapfrog Top Children's Hospital, a recognition of patient quality and safety. For additional information, please visit wolfsonchildrens.com.

About Aspect Imaging Ltd.

Aspect Imaging is a world leader in the design and development of innovative, compact magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) systems for use in research and clinical applications. Our breakthrough technology in compact, high-performance, permanent magnets -- including the Embrace® Neonatal MRI System, the first FDA-cleared, CE-marked MRI system designed specifically for use with premature and critically-ill patients inside the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit -- offers disruptive MRI solutions designed to address unmet needs in research and medical applications, providing the high-quality, high-resolution imaging for the benchtop and at the point-of-care.

For more information about the Embrace® Neonatal MRI System, visit embracemri.com or contact Wendy Slatery at wslatery@aspectimaging.com.

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