Elekta’s purpose is to invent and develop effective solutions for the treatment of cancer and brain disorders. Our goal is to help our customers deliver the best care for every patient. Our oncology and neurosurgery tools and treatment planning systems are used in more than 6,000 hospitals worldwide. They help treat over 100,000 patients every day. The company was founded in 1974 by Professor Lars Leksell, a physician. Today, with its headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden, Elekta employs around 4,000 people in more than 30 offices across 24 countries. The company is listed on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm.

Personalized Services – Beyond Standard Support

Elekta employs the largest full-time staff of dedicated radiation treatment planning professionals in the industry in the fields of research & development and customer support. Our physics services for beam data modeling will enhance the Monaco user experience and create efficiencies in moving to clinical use status. When you select our solutions, you gain access to our entire team:

- PhD and MS physicists
- PhD mathematicians
- CMDs and RTTs
- Professional software and hardware engineers

Support activities include:

- Global live and Web-Support
- Customer training conducted from RT professionals
- Advanced user training

For more information, contact your local Elekta representative.

Accuracy accelerated
A Complete Planning System with Speed and Accuracy

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Satisfying Your Need for Planning Speed
Monaco now provides a number of enhancements that accelerate your workflow. These include a better organized user interface configuration that improves access to tools, and a planning control toolbar that provides immediate access to beam or structure spread sheets, prescription, Dose reference points (DRP) and IMRT constraints.

In addition, compared to previous versions, Monaco control point dose calculations are faster. The addition of the Collapsed Cone algorithm with an available Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) card helps plan calculation efficiency.

Monaco now features a sleek and easy-to-follow user interface to guide you to advanced features intended to create accurate plans for you and your patients. Utilize templates to gain greater planning efficiency. Create highly conformal treatment plans quickly and easily, and share with other centers.

*Data on file
Enhance Planning Performance
Choose from a broad suite of planning tools and range of robust dose calculation algorithms. Clinicians can select the tools for the technique to optimize radiation therapy delivery for each patient. With a new, intuitive and user-friendly interface, Monaco allows users to quickly access important plan information including beam or structure spreadsheets, prescription, DRP, and IMRT constraints.

3D Conformal
With the addition of 3D conformal treatment planning capabilities, Monaco includes customizable templates that support efficient plan generation. By using a Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) for the collapsed-cone algorithm, Monaco increases the speed and performance of 3D dose calculations even further. And, Monaco supports a range of modalities to cater to the clinic’s needs for expanding the treatment planning capabilities, including support of wedges, bolus and VMC++ Electron Monte Carlo. Use Forward Planning to achieve better dose uniformity than can be obtained with a single-port 3D beam.

IMRT
Monaco integrates innovative biological cost functions with multicriterial constrained optimization, a powerful leaf-sequence optimizer and a robust Monte Carlo dose calculation algorithm to create the most advanced IMRT planning solution available today. Monaco also can be used effectively in most clinical environments. As a vendor neutral IMRT planning platform, Monaco supports all major linear accelerators and connects to any record-and-verify information system, including Elekta’s MOSAIQ® Oncology Information System. Monaco includes fast pencil beam dose engine for “ideal” fluence optimization.

VMAT
Monaco’s Volumetric Modulated Arc Therapy (VMAT) functionality can optimize single or multiple non-coplanar arcs simultaneously, providing the flexibility and control needed for more complex treatment plans. Arc plans can be delivered with a single button push at the linear accelerator console. Gantry directions are automatically sorted and all control points are seamlessly integrated into a single deliverable arc sequence. Monaco offers the XVMC Monte Carlo dose engine, for electron and photon, for a continuous arc calculation as a single beam, rather than just dose approximations that occur with many discrete (control point) gantry angle positions. Monaco also offers the Dynamic Conformal Arc feature.

Integration
Monaco connects to Elekta’s MOSAIQ for a truly optimized clinical workflow and also supports all major OIS and Linac connectivity. Monaco fully integrates Elekta’s superior contouring and fusion capabilities, including the ability to contour 4D CT data, with the option of providing ARAS on the same hardware for a seamless transition from delineation to planning.
Monaco Advances

Monaco® features advanced concepts to enable complete planning for all techniques; complete stereotaxy planning for frame-based, frameless, APEX™ micro-leaf MLC, and cones; contouring for 3D and 4D data and more. These unique features drive much of the functionality for Monaco.

Biological Modeling
- Wide range of optimization cost functions, including dose-volume-based and biological cost functions
- Equivalent Uniform Dose and iso-effective volumes account for tissue response to dose per fraction and volume effect of organs
- Complete control of the DVHs for healthy tissue and tumor volumes

Multi-criterial Goals
- Multi-criterial optimization offers precise adjustments generated in real-time during optimization
- Automated tightening of constraints to optimize normal tissue sparing
- Fine tune the plan during the process and after the final calculation with constraint weight edits and a fast update

Sensitivity Analysis
- Unique sensitivity analysis tool easily resolves conflicts between target dose objective and dose limiting constraints
- Optimization evaluation tool shows interdependence of each constraint and objective on target dose coverage

Monte Carlo Dose Engine
- XVMC Monte Carlo dose engine – for accurate dose calculation
- Fast pencil beam dose engine for "ideal" fluence optimization – specifically created for IMRT
- Includes both electron and photon beams

Constrained Optimization
- Ensures that OAR dose limits are satisfied
- Changes to any constraint in the prescription don’t affect the other normal tissue constraints, only the dose to target(s)
- Enhanced voxel controls guide dose gradients between structures, making further “technical” volumes unnecessary

Sequencing
Segment Shape Optimization™
- Proprietary approach to smoothing and clustering segments, then optimizing beam weights and shapes enables clinicians to improve dose conformity, plan quality and delivery efficiency
- Reduce the number of segments, shortening treatment times
- Powered by Monte Carlo, develop plans that improve sparing of OARs and dose conformity

Stereotactic Planning
- Combine Monaco with Versa HD® for the system accuracy you need for the best, high-definition stereotactic plans and efficient deliveries.
- Dynamic Conformal Arc (DCA) Therapy enables clinicians to deliver highly conformal stereotactic plans using the MLC to dynamically conform around a target as the beam rotates around the patient
- Create multiple arcs in a non-coplanar fashion to render more conformal plans
- Used in conjunction with micro-MLCs, such as Elekta’s Apex™ MLC, it can yield very conformal plans using DCA or VMAT
- Supports stereotactic cone treatments for static and arc fields

MR Planning
- Create radiotherapy treatment plans on transverse MR images using forced electron densities for the dose calculation