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Carestream Dental Donates Intraoral Sensors to Mercy Ships Newest Ship

ATLANTA—Carestream Dental is proud to have provided six RVG 6200 intraoral sensors, as well as software and support, to outfit Mercy Ships and its newest ship, the *Global Mercy*. Despite the global health crisis, work has continued on the *Global Mercy*, the world's largest NGO hospital ship. In fact, Mercy Ships, a faith-based global organization that provides surgical care to those in need, has shared a first look at the ship ahead of its maiden voyage to Africa in 2021.

"The *Global Mercy* will be a true modern marvel—a fully custom-built hospital ship with customized instruments, state-of-the-art technology and highly-trained talent of a modern hospital," Rosa Whitaker, president of Mercy Ships, said. "It also represents a unique call-to-action for anyone called to serve, and it presents the opportunity for people to use their skill set to positively impact global healthcare."

With their excellent image resolution that provide clear digital images for faster diagnoses, the RVG 6200s will support Mercy Ships' onshore dental clinic. The sensors come with a number of user-defined image processing tools, allowing volunteers to customize images according to their specifications for enhanced diagnosis and ease of use.

"'Changing Lives' is a major pillar of Carestream Dental's mission," Ed Shellard, D.M.D. chief dental officer, Carestream Dental, said. "We've certainly seen how good oral health can lead to better overall health; so we know that these RVG 6200s aren't just being used to quickly identify and treat dental caries, they're changing lives as well."

Once launched, the *Global Mercy*, which will be staffed by 600 volunteer medical and dental healthcare workers, will provide a safe and clean surgical environment to various African nations. It's expected that the ship will see 150,000 patients over the course of its anticipated 50-year lifespan. In addition to state-of-the-art surgical facilities, the ship will include educational space so local doctors can be trained on the latest techniques and best practices.

This isn't the first time Carestream Dental has partnered with Mercy Ships. In 2017, [it donated RVG 6200s for use on the *Africa Mercy*](#)—the organizations current flagship—on its mission to Cameroon.

For more information about Mercy Ships, visit mercyships.org. For more information about Carestream Dental's RVG intraoral imaging systems, or any of its innovative technology, call 800.944.6365 or visit carestreamdental.com.

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About Mercy Ships:

Mercy Ships uses hospital ships to deliver free, world-class healthcare services, capacity building, and sustainable development to those with little access in the developing world. Founded in 1978 by Don and Deyon Stephens, Mercy Ships has worked in more than 55 developing countries, providing services valued at more than \$1.7 billion and directly benefitting more than 2.8 million people. Our ships are crewed by volunteers from over 50 nations, with an average of over 2000 volunteers each year. Professionals including surgeons, dentists, nurses, healthcare trainers, teachers, cooks, seamen, engineers, and agriculturalists donate their time and skills. With 16 national offices and an Africa Bureau, Mercy Ships seeks to transform individuals and serve nations one at a time. For more information visit mercyships.org.

About Carestream Dental

Carestream Dental is committed to transforming dentistry, simplifying technology and changing lives. In this pursuit, we focus on providing the latest in high-quality scanning technology, the smartest chairside systems, the most intuitive practice management software, incredibly accurate imaging software and the data intelligence that helps continually refine patient outcomes. And we offer these solutions for the full range of dental and oral health professionals. For more information please visit carestreamdental.com.

