



ARANZ MEDICAL Silhouette™ APPROVED FOR USE WITH VistA IMAGING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Christchurch, New Zealand, June 21, 2010 – ARANZ Medical Limited, a leading innovator in wound management technology, announces that Silhouette™, a suite of products for wound assessment including the imaging, measurement and documentation of wounds, has recently been approved for use with VistA Imaging, the medical and health care imaging system at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers.

Silhouette has successfully completed DICOM validation testing enabling information to be shared between the VistA Imaging system and Silhouette at any VA health care facility across the United States of America. The [VistA Imaging](#) system captures information about a patient in a way that is paperless and filmless, serving as a tool to aid consultation among physicians and communication between a physician and patient.

The approval for Silhouette's use with VistA Imaging provides significant benefit for clinicians at the VA, who are now able to collect wound assessment information using Silhouette and transfer this information electronically to VistA. Silhouette provides a more accurate and standardized way of collecting data that is highly automated, saving a clinician time in wound documentation. These possible benefits are significant across the [VA Health Care System](#), an organization that cares for over 8 million people annually across the United States in 153 hospitals and 788 community based outpatient clinics that provide broad spectrum services including medical, surgical, and rehabilitative care.

Data collected using Silhouette will add to the over 1.4 billion stored images on VistA across the United States. The various formats stored in VistA include clinical images, scanned documents, motion video and other non-textual data that are collated to be part of a patient's electronic medical record. By combining the images with text information in one location, a clinician can make timely and accurate patient care decisions.

"Silhouette is an innovative device that is dramatically improving the ease and accuracy with which wounds are documented," states Dr Bruce Davey, CEO at ARANZ Medical Limited. "We are delighted that VA clinicians can now employ Silhouette to provide superior wound care assessment to veterans and their families."

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The ARANZ Medical [Silhouette™ Product Suite](#), a technology solution derived from a laser scanning product originally employed in the creation of the Lord of the Rings movie trilogy, is helping to improve the care of patients suffering wounds. Silhouette has FDA, CE and TGA approvals, and is utilized in over 19 different countries. Healthcare professionals use Silhouette in a variety of care settings including hospitals, wound care centers, long term

care facilities and home health agencies. Silhouette is also ideal for research use, including for collection and management of data for clinical trials.

Silhouette represents a significant advance in the management of patients with wounds. Silhouette applies technology to advance wound imaging, measurement and documentation for tracking the healing progression of wounds. Currently wound healing progress is assessed with manual, time consuming, and subjective methods. In contrast Silhouette provides an efficient, integrated, non-contact, accurate and repeatable solution for collecting this information. Silhouette also provides clinician decision support for selecting optimal wound therapy. SilhouetteMobile is the point-of-care data capture component of the product suite, able to image and measure wounds, calculating area and depth. SilhouetteCentral is the central database management system that coordinates the collection and long-term storage of wound information.

ARANZ Medical Limited (www.aranzmedical.com), a member of the ARANZ Group of companies, is focused on the development and marketing of the Silhouette™ Product Suite for wound imaging, measurement, documentation and clinician decision support. Silhouette resulted from listening to and working with customers, recognizing that a simple technology-based solution could be created that would allow more efficient and integrated wound documentation with superior outcomes.

The **ARANZ Group of companies** (www.aranz.com) has the vision of developing technology based solutions to solve customers' problems in differing application areas. To date the group has demonstrated technical and commercial success in application areas as diverse as 3D modeling ([Farfield Technology](#)), laser surface scanners ([Fastscan](#)), data collection for movie making special effects, [custom orthotics and prosthetics](#), and geological data interpretation ([Leapfrog](#)).

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