The evolution of premium vascular ultrasound

Philips EPIQ 5 ultrasound system
The new challenges in global healthcare

Unprecedented advances in premium ultrasound performance can help address the strains on overburdened hospitals and healthcare systems, which are continually being challenged to provide a higher quality of care cost-effectively. The goal is quick and accurate diagnosis the first time and in less time.

Premium ultrasound users today demand improved clinical information from each scan, faster and more consistent exams that are easier to perform, and allow for a high level of confidence, even for technically difficult patients.
Performance

More confidence in your diagnoses even for your most difficult cases

EPIQ 5 is the new direction for premium vascular ultrasound, featuring an exceptional level of clinical performance to meet the challenges of today’s most demanding practices.

Our most powerful architecture ever applied to vascular ultrasound

EPIQ performance touches all aspects of acoustic acquisition and processing, allowing you to truly experience the evolution to a more definitive modality.
The evolution in premium vascular ultrasound

Supported by our family of proprietary PureWave transducers and our leading-edge Anatomical Intelligence, this platform offers our highest level of premium performance.

Key trends in global ultrasound

- The need for more definitive premium ultrasound with exceptional image quality, performance, and intelligence that provides automated views and quantification
- A demand for greater workflow and throughput due to the aging global population resulting in increased ultrasound exam volumes
- A demand to automate most operator functions to allow for ease of use and consistency of exam between users
- The need for technology to address the technically challenging patient
- A movement to use ultrasound first – even for advanced image-guided therapy – due to concerns about radiation dose and exam cost
Creating **new realities**, redefining clinical expectations

*nSIGHT* Imaging goes beyond conventional ultrasound performance for new levels of definition and clarity.

**Philips nSIGHT Imaging is a totally new approach**

The Philips proprietary *nSIGHT* Imaging architecture introduces a totally new approach to forming ultrasound images. Unlike conventional systems that form the image line by line, *nSIGHT* creates images with superb resolution down to the pixel level.

**Extraordinary architecture**

*nSIGHT* Imaging incorporates a custom multi-stage precision beamformer along with massive parallel processing. This proprietary architecture captures an enormous amount of acoustic data from each transmit operation and performs digital beam reconstruction along with mathematically optimized focal processing to create real-time images with exceptional resolution and uniformity.

**Frame rate**

Conventional
Users must choose between frame rate and image quality

*nSIGHT* Imaging
More than doubles the frame rate without impact to image quality

**Uniformity**

Conventional
Best resolution is limited to transmit focal zone

*nSIGHT* Imaging
Corrects focus during beam reconstruction for superb uniformity

**Penetration**

Conventional
Penetration limitations and poor sensitivity to weak signals

*nSIGHT* Imaging
Superb penetration across full range of frequencies

Full range of transducers supports virtually any vascular application.

*Image quality: the numbers tell the story*

Comparing EPIQ 5 to conventional premium systems shows breakthrough advances in imaging performance.

- **Up to 76%** increase in penetration (penetration = ability to scan at depths and maintain resolution in order to complete the study)*
- **Up to 160%** increase in temporal resolution (ability to maintain resolution at high frame rates)*
- **Over 85%** completion rate for technically challenging exams using *nSIGHT* Imaging and the PureWave C9–2, as demonstrated in clinical studies**

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* 2013 quantitative engineering study comparing Philips iU22 ultrasound system with EPIQ 5.
** Summary of results from EMEA technically difficult patient study (EPIQ), 2014.
Exceptional images for a new era

Common carotid artery
Posterior tibial veins, technically difficult patient
Artery and vein with MicroCPA

Common carotid artery plaque
Abdominal aorta
Carotid bifurcation

Greater saphenous vein reflux
Common carotid artery
Superficial venous thrombosis

Venous dialysis access graft
Renal vasculature
Abnormal Doppler of femoral vein
The next generation of
Color Flow Imaging

nSIGHT Imaging architecture incorporates new color Doppler technology that increases flow resolution, sensitivity and frame rate. New proprietary flow algorithms produce exceptional vessel border delineation while preserving 2D imaging characteristics in color Doppler modes. New color map options allow enhanced visualization of flow for color blind users.

New MicroCPA
for exceptional small vessel visualization

In the past, obtaining flow information in small low-flow vascular structures has been a challenge. Now the EPIQ’s MicroCPA feature – visualization of low velocity micro circulation – is quick and simple, allowing for more diagnostic confidence when evaluating organ perfusion or small vascular beds.
nSIGHT Imaging strengthens the power of PureWave to image technically difficult patients you see every day. With a complete family of PureWave transducers, your most difficult diagnoses are now easier. PureWave crystal technology represents the biggest breakthrough in piezoelectric transducer material in 40 years. The pure, uniform crystals of PureWave are 85% more efficient than conventional piezoelectric material, resulting in exceptional performance. This technology allows for enhanced penetration in difficult patients and excellent detailed resolution.

The technically difficult patient is now even easier

EPIQ 5 offers the ultimate in flexibility to configure any clinical option and application for a true no-compromise vascular imaging system.

PureWave transducers offer the solution for imaging technically difficult patients in a wide range of applications

- PureWave C5-1 and C9-2 for difficult-to-image abdominal and lower extremity applications
- PureWave S5-1 for difficult-to-image cardiology patients and transcranial applications

PureWave crystals have virtually perfect uniformity for greater bandwidth and twice the efficiency of conventional ceramic materials. The result is excellent imaging and Doppler performance.
**Elastography** for more definitive information about tissue stiffness

The EPIQ platform supports both strain and shear wave methods of elastography. Highly sensitive strain imaging can be used to rapidly assess relative tissue stiffness values across a variety of applications. Shear wave elastography utilizes a unique pulsing scheme to generate and detect the propagation speed of shear waves, providing an absolute measure of tissue stiffness. In addition, the EPIQ platform is designed to support the future of elastography including quantitative real-time shear wave imaging across a variety of transducers and applications.

**Shear wave elastography**

ElastIPQ uses ultrasound shear wave elastography to provide a non-invasive, reproducible, and easily performed method of assessing tissue stiffness. A special pulse sequence technique using existing transducers produces shear waves in tissue and measures the propagation speed of the waves. Now tissue stiffness samples can be acquired during a routine ultrasound examination of the liver. According to the latest studies, using shear wave elastography may help reduce or avoid conventional liver biopsies. Many studies are suggesting that instead of a costly and painful biopsy procedure, an easy ultrasound exam becomes the routine method to assess liver disease status.

**Revolutionize your contrast exam**

Contrast-enhanced ultrasound (CEUS) workflow is now seamlessly interfacing into virtually any exam. EPIQ 5 provides instant optimization of CEUS studies and exceptional performance across multiple agents and applications. nSIGHT Imaging allows higher sensitivity to lower bubble concentrations while providing exceptional temporal resolution during critical wash-in/wash-out phases. Among leading ultrasound manufacturers, Philips offers a superb live 3D contrast system for general imaging with real-time 3D contrast data for dynamic clinical assessment.

The high-order parallel processing provided by nSIGHT Imaging allows for higher 2D and 3D frame rates during contrast imaging so that no dynamic information is lost.


* In the U.S. contrast is only approved for cardiac use.
Fast and effective image fusion and needle navigation

Make confident decisions even in challenging diagnostic cases with fully integrated fusion capabilities that feature streamlined workflows to allow clinicians to achieve fast and effective fusion of CT/MR/PET with live ultrasound. By combining imaging modalities directly on the ultrasound system, you now have access to an even more powerful diagnostic tool with advanced visualization allowing for fast clinical decisions.
Fusion and navigation

Cerebral artery assessment using transcranial ultrasound and CT fusion

Post EVAR assessment using ultrasound and CT fusion

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Advanced needle navigation
Needle navigation is a performance-enhancing tool for challenging interventional cases such as a hard-to-visualize small-lesion biopsy or difficult-to-access ablations that are close to critical structures. Procedures may now be completed in less time and with fewer confirmatory scans.²

A reusable adaptive needle tracker and an expanded range of coaxial needle-tip tracked instruments offer you a wide range of compatibility with biopsy and ablation devices depending on the degree of procedure complexity.


Expand vascular fusion and navigation capabilities through a range of PureWave transducers including S5-1 (abdominal and transcranial), C5-1, and C9-2.
Designed to reinvent the user experience

EPIQ 5 has completely reinvented the premium ultrasound user experience. Ease of use, workflow, ergonomics, portability – we’ve revolutionized how you interact with an ultrasound system from every standpoint, and kept it beautifully intuitive.

More than 80% of sonographers experience work-related pain, and more than 20% of these suffer a career-ending injury.3 The EPIQ 5 tablet-like interface results in dramatic reduction in reach and button pushes, with 40% to 80% less reach and 15% fewer steps.*

Advanced workflow
The design of the platform features “walk-up usability,” meaning that users can perform an exam with minimal training.4 The system offers the automation to drive efficiency throughout exams with features such as Real Time iSCAN (AutoSCAN), which automatically optimizes gain and TGC continuously to provide excellent images in 2D, 3D, or 4D.

Amazingly portable
At just 104 kg (230 lb), EPIQ 5 is lightest in its class and 40% lighter than the heaviest competitive premium system. Easily transport EPIQ 5 on both carpet and tile floors. The monitor folds down to reduce overall system height for transport, and the integrated cable hooks and catch tray are ideal for portable studies. Wireless DICOM further aids workflow.

Four transducer ports decrease the amount of plug/unplugging required during a day of scanning.

Place EPIQ 5 in sleep mode, move it, and boot up in seconds.

Large 54.6 cm (21.5 inch) wide screen for easy viewing in virtually any environment.
EPIQ 5 features integrated efficiency tools and multiple degrees of articulation for scanning comfort.

Library quiet
EPIQ 5 is almost silent when running. A noise test determined that EPIQ 5 runs at 37–41 dB, which is equivalent to the sound of a library.

Scanning comfort
Multiple degrees of articulation for both the control panel, and 54.5 cm (21.5 in) LCD monitor with 720° of freedom allows for ergonomic alignment, whether sitting or standing, for scanning comfort.

SmartExam
SmartExam decreases exam time by 30–50%, keystrokes by as many as 300 per exam, and results in a high level of consistency among users. It is fast and easy to customize, providing consistent and accurate annotation, automatic mode switching, and missed view alerts to streamline exams. The result is more time to focus on your patients, increased confidence in complete studies, less focus on requirements, less repetitive motion, less stress, and enhanced schedule maintenance and department efficiencies.

Auto Doppler for vascular imaging
Auto Doppler takes time-consuming color box positioning and sample volume placement from ten steps to three steps and reduces the number of repetitive button pushes by an average of 68%.

Active native data
Active native data allows for post-processing of many exam parameters.

Set-up Wizard
Set-up Wizard allows users to step up to the system, easily establish user configurations, and get running quickly.

Access to multimodality images
Use multimodality query retrieve to view DICOM images such as CT, NM, MR, mammography, and ultrasound. Easily compare past and current studies without the use of an external reading station and even review these multimodality images while live imaging.

EPIQ 5 is one of the greenest systems we have ever designed. It consumes 25% less power than our legacy premium ultrasound.

25% less power

Auto Doppler clinical study. Dec 2011
* 2013 engineering study comparing Philips iU22 ultrasound system with EPIQ 5.
† Check for availability in your geography.
Anatomical Intelligence
Achieve new levels of simplicity

EPIQ 5 offers a wide set of easy-to-use anatomically intelligent quantitative tools.
At the heart of the powerful EPIQ 5 architecture is our Philips exclusive Anatomical Intelligence Ultrasound (AIUS), designed to elevate the ultrasound system from a passive to an actively adaptive device. With advanced organ modeling, image slicing, and proven quantification, exams are easy to perform, more reproducible, and deliver new levels of clinical information.

AIUS ranges from automating repetitive steps to full-blown computer-driven analysis with minimal user interaction – all using anatomic intelligence and all providing the results you need. In fact, many of our tools come with ZeroClick technology, which means that once loaded, the tool does it all for you.*
Automated 2D Cardiac Quantification A.I. (a2DQA.I.) with ZeroClick technology for adult and pediatric echo

The ideal tool of every echo lab, Automated 2D Cardiac Quantification A.I. (a2DQA.I.) with ZeroClick technology uses AIUS for an Auto-ROI to drive the Q-App and provide rapid access to proven 2D EF and volumes. AutoEF is available during the study and so fits in with an everyday echo protocol.

Automated Cardiac Motion Quantification A.I. (aCMQA.I.) with ZeroClick technology for adult echo

The ZeroClick technology of the Automated Cardiac Motion Quantification A.I. (aCMQA.I.) uses speckle mechanics to provide reproducible 2D Global Longitudinal Strain (GLS) speckle measurements. A proven EF is also calculated by using the Auto-ROI that drives the automation within the aCMQA.I. Q-App.

Automatic registration for image fusion and navigation

CT and ultrasound vessel and surface registration allows you to complete the challenging task of registering a CT volume with ultrasound in less than one minute – 1/10 the standard alignment time.
EPIQ 5 offers a wide variety of sophisticated Q-Apps to quantify ultrasound image information.

**General Imaging Q-Apps**
- Intima Media Thickness (IMT)
- General Imaging 3D Quantification (GI 3DQ)
- Region of Interest (ROI)
- MicroVascular Imaging (MVI)
- Vascular Plaque Quantification (VPQ)

**Cardiology Q-Apps**
- Strain Quantification (SQ)
- CMQ Stress
- Automated 2D Cardiac Quantification\(^\text{A.1}\) (a2DQ\(^\text{A.1}\))
- Automated Cardiac Motion Quantification\(^\text{A.1}\) (aCMQ\(^\text{A.1}\))

**Vascular Plaque Quantification** is a non-invasive tool that uses 3D technology to visualize and quantify both the overall volume of vascular plaque in the carotid artery and the percent area of vessel reduction, as well as other characteristics of plaque composition. VPQ may prove to be a valuable tool to aid in determining who is at an increased risk of stroke or cardiovascular disease based on this important measurement of plaque buildup in the carotid artery.

Navigation

**Carotid artery – Vascular plaque quantification Q-App**

VPQ and the VL13-5 transducer allow advanced analysis of plaque volume and morphology.
Advanced **support services** are proactive and predictive

We understand your challenges: uncertain economic times, changing healthcare landscapes, and the impact of healthcare reform. We know that efficient workflows and system uptime are critical success factors in running an effective healthcare business.

Philips is committed to offering innovative solutions to provide you with world-class services that move from reactive to proactive and with predictive service models that provide high system availability and enhanced workflow to help you deliver high quality patient care.

**Remote services mean we’re closer than ever**

**Remote desktop**
Spend less time on the phone with a Philips “Virtual Visit” with remote system interaction for fast technical and clinical troubleshooting and guided scanning options.

**iSSL technology**
This industry-standard protocol meets global privacy standards and provides a safe and secure connection to the Philips remote services network using your existing Internet access point.

**Online support request**
Enter a support request directly from your EPIQ system for a fast, convenient communication mechanism that reduces workflow interruption and keeps you at the system and focused on your patient.

**Utilization reports**
Data intelligence tools that can help you make informed decisions to improve workflow, deliver quality patient care, and decrease the total cost of ownership. This ultrasound utilization tool provides individual transducer usage and the ability to sort by exam type.

**Proactive monitoring**
Proactive monitoring allows for the detection and repair of anomalies before they become problems and helps us to better predict potential failures and proactively act on them. Increase system availability, optimize workflow, and promote patient satisfaction by scheduling downtime as opposed to reacting to an unexpected problem.

* Check for availability in your geography.
The remote desktop allows Philips service engineers to gain a live view of your system’s console for remote operation, real-time clinical troubleshooting, and issue resolution.

Exceptional serviceability

Philips offers the only ultrasound utilization tool that provides individual transducer usage and the ability to sort by exam type.

The system features superior modular design for rapid repair, getting your system up and running quickly.

**Intelligent software architecture**

Software is easily optimized, maintained, and restored by the service user without risk to patient data, giving you peace of mind when dealing with software anomalies and confidence that your data is safe.

This software architecture takes patient data privacy to a new level. Patient data is stored on a separate partition and physical location to provide protection and ease of removal, providing you total control of your data.

**Clinical education solutions**

Our comprehensive, clinically relevant courses, programs, and learning paths are designed to help you improve operational efficiency and enhance patient care.