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Dräger launches new wireless Infinity[®] M300 patient-worn monitor

Innovative system addresses challenges of telemetry monitoring: viewing patient data at the patient's side, alarm management, and cost of disposable batteries

Telford, PA (August 12, 2008) – Draeger Medical, Inc. today announced initial installations of its new Infinity[®] M300 patient-worn monitor. The new Infinity M300 system provides the performance of a full-size patient monitor, packaged in a compact patient-worn telemetry device for adult and pediatric patients. This new design supports hospitals in their initiatives to mobilize patients as early as possible to accelerate the healing process and provide a consistent level of monitoring care while mobile.

The first U.S. installation of the Infinity M300 is at Avera Heart Hospital of South Dakota, the region's only hospital dedicated solely to the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease. The M300 is also installed at Asklepios Stadtklinik in Bad Wildungen, Germany, part of The Asklepios Group, one of the largest hospital groups in Germany and owner of Pacific Health Corporation of Tustin, CA (six hospitals). The M300 is also installed at St. Vinzenz Hospital in Cologne, Germany.

In addition to monitoring ECG and SpO₂, the device has built-in algorithms to enhance ECG processing and reduce false alarms – such as pacer detection software and ACE[®] (Arrhythmia Classification Expert), an arrhythmia analysis tool.

Infinity M300 addresses the three major challenges of telemetry monitoring:

- **Viewing patient information at the patient's side.** Unlike traditional telemetry products, which have no screen, Infinity M300 has a color display that shows the patient's ECG for all monitored leads, heart rate, SpO₂, and electrode status. This enables clinical staff to access monitored data and react promptly without having to go to the central

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monitoring station. It also shows patient demographics to help confirm the patient's identification before giving medication, taking blood samples, or performing treatments.

- **Hearing and responding to alarms.** Infinity M300 has built-in alarming and alarm controls, which provide alarm alerts both at the patient's side and the Infinity CentralStation, Dräger's central monitoring workstation. The color display helps the clinician assess alarms and respond accordingly.
- **Eliminating the cost and effort associated with disposable batteries.** Infinity M300 has a built-in battery, which can be recharged via a bedside charger while the patient is wearing the device, or at a multi-device charger at the central monitoring station.

Based on industry-standard 802.11b technology, Infinity M300 provides continuous standalone monitoring – even if the patient inadvertently moves out of the hospital's wireless network coverage area. Bidirectional communication between Infinity M300 and Dräger's Infinity CentralStation facilitates wireless data exchange and signal integrity. Working together, the Infinity CentralStation and Infinity M300 enhance patient care management by providing fast data access, rapid assessment, decision support, and clinical reporting.

"Infinity M300 represents a major innovation in telemetry monitoring. We're very excited about the system's potential to help address the challenges of today's busy ambulatory environments," said Dina LaTulippe, Director of Product Management, Central Monitoring Solutions at Monitoring, Systems & IT, Andover, MA. "Because Infinity M300 has a built-in display and alarms, it enables the clinical staff to be alerted to patient conditions without having to use additional devices.

"When Infinity M300 is used with Dräger's Infinity OneNet shared network infrastructure solution, hospitals can use their existing industry-standard 802.11b access points for both telemetry and patient monitoring. This can save the expense of requiring a separate wireless network for telemetry

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systems,” added Arno Wolters, President and CEO of Draeger Medical in North America.

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