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Dräger Medical introduces new WiFi-based Infinity® TeleSmart patient-worn telemetry system

New compact system receives FDA clearance and addresses the current challenges of telemetry monitoring: viewing patient data at the patient's side, alarm management and the costs of disposable batteries

(Telford, PA) April 2, 2007 – Dräger Medical today announced FDA 510k clearance for its new Infinity® TeleSmart system featuring a compact device capable of monitoring ECG and SpO₂. Infinity TeleSmart provides the performance of a full-size patient monitor, packaged in a compact patient-worn telemetry device for adult and pediatric patients. Built-in ACE® (Arrhythmia Classification Expert) and pacemaker detection algorithms enhance ECG processing and reduce false alarms.

Infinity TeleSmart addresses three major challenges of telemetry monitoring:

- Viewing patient information at the patient's side - Unlike traditional telemetry, Infinity TeleSmart has a color display that shows the patient's ECG for all monitored leads, heart rate, SpO₂, and electrode status. It also shows patient demographics to help confirm the patient's identification before giving medications, taking blood samples, or performing treatments.
- Hearing and managing alarms - Infinity TeleSmart has a built-in alarming and alarm controls, which provides alarm alerts both at the patient's side and the central monitoring station. The color display helps the clinician to assess the alarms and respond accordingly.
- Cost and effort associated with disposable batteries - Infinity TeleSmart has a built-in rechargeable battery. The battery can be recharged via a bedside charger or at a multi-device charger at the central monitoring station.

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Because Infinity TeleSmart has a built-in display and alarms, it enables

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the clinical staff to be alerted to patient conditions without having to use additional devices.

Based on the industry-standard 802.11b WiFi technology, Infinity TeleSmart provides continuous standalone monitoring – even if the patient moves out of the hospital's wireless network coverage area.

Working together, the Infinity CentralStation and Infinity TeleSmart enhance patient care management by providing fast data access, rapid assessment, decision support and clinical reporting. Moreover, when Infinity TeleSmart is used with our Infinity OneNet shared network infrastructure solution, hospitals can use their industry-standard 802.11b (WiFi) access points for both telemetry and patient monitoring. Wireless data exchange and signal integrity is facilitated with bidirectional communication between Infinity TeleSmart and the Infinity CentralStation.

“Draeger Medical is committed to enhancing patient care and safety. The Infinity TeleSmart system exemplifies the company's more than 100 years of innovation and its promise of technology for life,” said Philip Croxford, President and CEO, Draeger Medical, Inc., Telford, PA. “We're very excited about the Infinity TeleSmart system's potential to help address the challenges of today's busy ambulatory environments.”

About Dräger Medical

Dräger Medical AG & Co. KG is one of the world's leading manufacturers of medical equipment, the largest division of Drägerwerk AG (history dates back to 1889) and a 75:25 joint venture company between Drägerwerk AG and Siemens AG. The global Company offers products, services and integrated CareArea™ Solutions throughout the patient care process - Emergency Care, Perioperative Care, Critical Care, Perinatal Care and Home Care. With headquarters in Lübeck, Germany, Dräger Medical employs nearly 6,000 people worldwide. Additional information is available on the Company's website www.draeger.com

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