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SPACELABS MEDICAL RELEASES NEW CAPNOGRAPHY MODULE

ISSAQUAH, Wash., March 22, 2005 – Spacelabs Medical, a global leader in patient monitoring systems, announced the release of the new Ultraview_{SL} Dual Capnography Module. The new module, combining both mainstream (non-diverting) and sidestream (diverting) technology, is designed to accommodate a broad range of patient needs and provide clinicians with comprehensive information about patient respiratory status and adequacy of ventilation. The new Dual Capnography Module is compatible with Spacelabs Ultraview_{SL}, Ultraview and PCMS bedside monitors.

Monitoring end-tidal CO₂ (EtCO₂), or capnography, has long been the standard of care in the OR. It is increasingly being mandated by pediatric and critical care associations because it confirms intubation and provides the earliest warning of respiratory depression and apnea.

Suitable for a wide range of patients, including adult, pediatric and infant, the capnography module may be used in intensive, neonatal, emergency, induction and post-anesthesia care areas. It combines two products in one – the less-invasive sidestream CO₂ monitoring capability with traditional mainstream monitoring, enabling the clinician to measure EtCO₂, respiration rate and minimum inspired CO₂ with support for apnea alarms. The Dual Capnography Module incorporates both Capnostat® III mainstream and LoFlo™ sidestream technology from Respirationics Novametrix.

Jonathan Lauer, Spacelabs Vice President of Global Strategic Marketing, said, “With the new Dual Capnography Module, Spacelabs is responding to clinicians’ needs for greater flexibility and less-invasive technology that makes patient care better and safer. We look forward to continuing our growth through new products and new partnerships that put ‘best-of-class’ solutions in the hands of our customers.”

Philip Nuzzo, Respironics Hospital Division's Vice President of OEM and Business Development, added, "The addition of LoFlo sidestream technology completes the CO₂ care continuum, providing customers easy access to both sidestream and mainstream technologies in one convenient package."

The Ultraview_{SL} Dual Capnography Module will be promoted everywhere that Spacelabs' monitoring products are sold and distributed.

About Spacelabs Medical

Spacelabs Medical (www.spacelabs.com), based in Issaquah, WA, U.S., is a global manufacturer and distributor of patient monitoring systems for critical care and anesthesia, wired and wireless networks and clinical information connectivity solutions, ambulatory blood pressure (ABP) monitors and medical data services. It has an installed base of approximately 100,000 patient monitoring units worldwide, including around 60,000 in the U.S. and around 10,000 units in Europe. In addition, there are approximately 30,000 Spacelabs ABP monitors installed on a worldwide basis. Spacelabs has distribution partnerships in approximately 80 countries and sales or regional offices worldwide. Spacelabs employs approximately 800 employees worldwide. Spacelabs Medical is an OSI Systems Company, www.osi-systems.com.

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