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CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S (OHIO) JOINS GROWING LIST OF TOP U.S. HOSPITALS TO PURCHASE PHARMACY IV AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGY

-- ForHealth Technologies' IntelliFill i.v. syringe preparation system part of hospital's patient care, cost efficiency strategy --

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., December 8, 2003—ForHealth Technologies Inc., a leader in automated devices for IV preparation, announced today that Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati, Ohio will install and use ForHealth's IV pharmacy robotic technology to place additional emphasis on patient safety and efficiency.

IntelliFill i.v. (formerly PARxD IV) automates the compounding and labeling of up to 300 IV syringes per hour in reservoir mode or up to 60 syringes per hour for an IV batch, both of which are filled with a +/- five percent volumetric accuracy. By employing bar code scanning, vision systems and weight confirmation steps, IntelliFill i.v. reduces medication errors and promotes long-term hospital cost savings.

"This is another step in our patient safety program," said Jack P. Horn, M.S., R.Ph., assistant vice president of clinical services and director of pharmacy at Cincinnati Children's. "We believe that the IntelliFill i.v. system will eliminate most of the human factor in the preparation of IV syringe medications. Children's Hospital Medical Center prepares approximately a quarter of a million medication syringes each year. Preparation of each individual syringe requires a multi-step process that involves several manipulations by pharmacy technicians and pharmacists. This technology will enhance safety and efficiency by greatly decreasing human intervention in syringe preparation."

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Horn is quick to praise the leadership of U.S. Sen. Mike DeWine of Ohio for his continual support of Cincinnati Children's and his vision to constantly improve child health through quality and safety. Cincinnati Children's was able to obtain the IntelliFill i.v. system through funding secured by Sen. DeWine. "Ohio is very fortunate to have a senator who makes children and their health his number one priority," Horn said. "Because of his commitment, Cincinnati Children's is a leader in cutting-edge health care delivery."

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center joins a growing list of major healthcare organizations that have purchased and installed IntelliFill i.v., including Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Texas; Spectrum Health of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Children's Hospital and Clinics in Minneapolis, Minn.; Providence Healthcare of Portland, Ore.; Ft. Walton Beach Medical Center of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; St. Vincent Health Center of Erie, Pa.; and Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center of Hartford, Conn. Hospitals that purchased the IntelliFill i.v. system and are scheduled for installation are Oakwood Healthcare System of Dearborn, Mich.; Clarian Health Partners of Indianapolis, Ind.; Geisinger Health System of Danville, Pa.; Huntington Hospital of Long Island, N.Y.; and Columbus Children's Hospital (Ohio).

"Every day, hospitals around the country are faced with the difficult tasks of reducing medication errors while increasing cost efficiencies," said Rod Wolford, chairman and CEO of ForHealth Technologies, Inc. "Cincinnati Children's is taking a leadership position in overcoming these challenges through its commitment to incorporate the latest in pharmacy automation technology. We are excited about the opportunity to work with Cincinnati Children's, which is one of a growing number of hospitals across the country that have chosen IntelliFill i.v., as a part of their strategy in addressing patient safety and rising healthcare costs."

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is a 373-bed institution dedicated to the pursuit of perfect health care. It is the only pediatric organization in the United States to receive the prestigious Pursuing Perfection grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Cincinnati Children's Research Foundation ranks third nationally among all pediatric centers in research grants from the National Institutes of Health. The Cincinnati Children's vision is to be the leader in improving child health, through patient care, research and education. Additional information about Cincinnati Children's can be found at www.cincinnatichildrens.org.

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