The Johns Hopkins Hospital to Install LiveData OR-Dashboard, Driving Universal Protocol and SCIP Compliance

KARL STORZ and LiveData Combine Technologies to Advance Patient Safety Initiatives

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, March. 16, 2009 -- LiveData, Inc., (www.livedata.com) today announced that The Johns Hopkins Hospital has chosen LiveData OR-Dashboard™ to advance patient safety and increase operating room efficiency at the renowned medical center. A joint system that includes displays and infrastructure components developed by KARL STORZ Endoscopy-America, Inc., (www.karlstorz.com) LiveData OR-Dashboard captures, synchronizes, and integrates data from any medical device or system, then transforms and presents it as meaningful information on easy-to-read graphic displays, in step with the perioperative workflow.

As a world-renowned academic medical center, The Johns Hopkins Hospital provides state-of-the-art care, and is consistently recognized by U.S. News & World Report for pioneering key advances in patient safety and putting them into operation. It is part of The Johns Hopkins Health System Corporation.

Along with its well-known contributions to team communication and workflow efficiency, OR-Dashboard will provide the hospital with an innovative approach toward ensuring compliance with its patient safety initiatives. A unique combination of real-time data integration and human factors engineering, OR-Dashboard offers the OR team real-time tools, such as checklists and reminders, along with display of essential case information. This enables the team to effectively conduct verification procedures, such as the Joint Commission's Universal Protocol, including surgical Time Out, and to meet Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) guidelines.

Monitoring safety protocol compliance, LiveData enables users to document a task, determine that it has been done, and provide clear reminders visible to the entire team until documentation has taken place.

"The operating room is a perfect example of teamwork, with each person's activities of vital importance to the next. Improvements in workflow translate to improvements in patient outcomes," said Jeffrey Robbins, CEO of LiveData. "Communications has come a long way since whiteboards, and customers such as Johns Hopkins tell us that LiveData represents a vast improvement in briefings and debriefings, resulting in improved workflow. The dashboard is like an electronic whiteboard, and is quickly becoming an essential instrument in the OR."

As a KARL STORZ Center of Excellence, The Johns Hopkins Hospital fosters and facilitates the company's advances in technologies that improve patient safety. The Johns Hopkins installation represents a major step towards the Patient-Aware Operating Room™, the integration of LiveData OR-Dashboard and KARL STORZ OR1 technologies. Delivering all relevant case information—images and data—to the entire OR team, the Patient-Aware OR makes vital information so pervasive that the OR becomes patient-aware, presenting crucial information on the wall, in the sterile field, and even over the hospital's secure intranet.

"We are pleased to collaborate with LiveData in creating the Patient-Aware OR, which gives OR teams a range of new capabilities for streamlining workflow and communication in the OR, as well as strengthening patient safety," said Connie Padden, Director of Technology Integration, KARL STORZ. "Johns Hopkins has played a leadership role in readily adopting technologies that helps advance the care of their patients."

Compliance with SCIP guidelines, which are targeted at reducing surgical complications through evidenced-based care, has been shown to reduce the incidence of postoperative infection and other undesired outcomes, with resultant decreases in patient stays and associated savings.

"SCIP and the Joint Commission prescribe protocols for one important reason: they lead to improvement in patient safety. Checklists, such as those developed by the World Health Organization, have been associated with significant improvements in surgical outcomes," said Robbins. "OR-Dashboard ensures that teams conduct verifications of the patient, procedure, site and other important elements of the surgical process."

About KARL STORZ
KARL STORZ Endoscopy-America, Inc., is an affiliate of KARL STORZ GmbH & Co. KG, an international leader for over 60 years in reusable endoscope technology, encompassing all endoscopic specialties. Based in Tuttlingen, Germany, KARL STORZ GmbH & Co. KG is a family-owned company that designs, engineers, manufactures and markets all its products with an emphasis on visionary design, precision craftsmanship and clinical effectiveness. For more information, call (800) 421-0837 or visit the company's Web site at www.karlstorz.com orwww.karlstorz-hd-endoscopy.com.

About LiveData
Specializing in real-time data integration and display, LiveData builds state-of-the-art systems for healthcare, utility, manufacturing, and government organizations. LiveData technology brings together data from any number of sources and presents it as meaningful information on easy-to-read graphic displays. Leading medical institutions, including Massachusetts General Hospital, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, have selected LiveData OR-Dashboard to enhance patient safety, improve team communication and streamline perioperative workflow. Founded in 1991, LiveData is headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts. For more information, visit www.livedata.com.

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