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## **New Diagnostics Solutions from Welch Allyn Help Improve Patient Safety, Reduce Risk for Facilities**



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**National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition (NTI):** Welch Allyn, a leading medical diagnostic device company that specializes in helping clinicians improve patient outcomes, will showcase its new FlexiPort® EcoCuff™ blood pressure cuff and EarlySense Vitals Surveillance System at the National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition this week at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in Boston, MA, USA. Both products enable improvements in patient safety and clinical decision-making to help reduce risk for facilities. They will be on display in Welch Allyn booth 1535.

“The solutions we are featuring this week at NTI 2013 are a direct result of the growing demand for new technologies that anticipate and respond to unique critical care provider needs across the country,” said Dave Perkins, senior category manager, Vital Signs, at Welch Allyn. “These products are designed to help reduce risks and offer easy-to-use features and options that provide clinicians with the reliability and performance they need to deliver the best possible patient care.”

EcoCuff is a single-patient-use blood pressure cuff that helps hospitals fight cross-contamination and rising costs while also having less environmental impact than other disposable blood pressure cuffs. EcoCuff is designed to remain with one patient for the duration of the hospital stay and then be disposed of upon release. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend the use of such patient-dedicated products to help reduce cross-contamination. As part of the FlexiPort line of disposable blood pressure cuffs, EcoCuff utilizes the FlexiPort single-point connection standardization system, making the EcoCuff compatible with virtually every device throughout the hospital.

The EarlySense Vitals Surveillance System is designed to help clinicians identify patient deterioration to help achieve better outcomes and fewer adverse events. Without ever physically touching the patient, the system measures heart rate, respiration rate, patient movement while in bed, and patient bed entries and exits, using a sensor that is placed under the mattress of a bed. In the event of a change in a patient’s status, the system provides alerts to the clinical staff via the bedside monitor, a central nursing station, hallway displays, and directly to their pagers or by text messages to the nurse’s phone.

On June 4, Welch Allyn will host an hour-long webinar titled Proactive Patient Care on the Medical-Surgical Floor: The Need for Continuous Monitoring. The program will focus on early detection and timely intervention, and will feature a case study presentation by Anna Hagopian, MSN, RN, director of Medical/Surgical Services

at MetroWest Medical Center in Framingham, MA. Registration for the event is now open and reservations can be made at [www.welchallyn.com/earlysensewebinar](http://www.welchallyn.com/earlysensewebinar).

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