

RF Surgical's RF AssureT Detection System now accessible to all HealthTrust members through new agreement

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BELLEVUE, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun 13, 2012-- RF Surgical Systems, Inc., the market leader in prevention and detection of retained surgical items (RSI), today announced an agreement with HealthTrust Purchasing Group, L.P., (HealthTrust), one of the largest group purchasing organizations in the United States, to provide its RF Assure(TM) Detection System to its member facilities.

Under the terms of the agreement, approximately 1,400 not-for-profit and for-profit acute care facilities, as well as 10,600 ambulatory surgery centers, physician practices, and alternate care sites, can select the RF Assure Detection System to detect and prevent RSI's from occurring in the operating room and other surgical suites.

The RF Assure(TM) Detection System is the first and only evidence-based radio-frequency (RF) in-vivo detection solution in the market offering automatic RSI detection technology and pressure reducing features for patient comfort¹ with the use of the RF Assure Mat series. Through the terms of the agreement, the RF Assure Detection System will be available for purchase to all members of HealthTrust Purchasing Group.

"RF Surgical's agreement with HealthTrust Purchasing Group is a key milestone in bringing a clinically proven solution that improves patient safety and prevents additional costs to HealthTrust members.

More and more healthcare providers will have access to the latest adjunctive technology to improve patient safety," said Dr. Jeffrey Port, co-founder and chairman of RF Surgical. "We are pleased to work with HealthTrust at a time when hospitals are striving to achieve the best level of care, improve efficiencies, and comply with the latest AORN recommendations." About HealthTrust Purchasing Group HealthTrust Purchasing Group, L.P., headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, is a group purchasing organization with an annual purchasing volume by its members of more than \$20 billion. HealthTrust is committed to obtaining the best price for clinically recommended products, ensuring their timely delivery, and continuously evaluating and improving its services to the patients, physicians and clinicians it serves. HealthTrust is located at 155 Franklin Road, Suite 400, Brentwood, Tenn. 37027. The website is www.healthtrustpg.com [1].

About RF Surgical Systems, Inc.

RF Surgical Systems, Inc. is the market leader in the detection and prevention of retained surgical items. The RF Surgical Detection System is the preferred solution

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in more than 2,500 operating rooms, trauma and labor and delivery suites nationwide. Nearly 200 hospitals and surgical centers, including recently added US News & World Report "Honor Roll" hospitals, have joined the fast-growing list of care providers benefiting from the RF Surgical Detection Technology. RF Surgical Systems is based in Bellevue, Washington with R & D facilities in San Diego, California. The advanced technologies used in the RF Surgical Detection System are protected by U.S. patents.

Regulatory clearance to market the system was granted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in November 2006. Additional information about RF Surgical Systems, Inc. can be found at www.rfsurg.com [2].

(1) The RF Assure Detection Mat- Series 3000 pressure mapping performed by Element Inc. Data on file. Laboratory pressure mapping tests show pressures are below the 32mm Hg maximum interface pressure that can lead to ischemia and skin necrosis per the AORN abstract "Prevention of Pressure Ulcers in the Surgical Patient", March 2009, Vol. 89, No 3.* Average pressures in lab testing were 24mm Hg at the shoulder blades and 30 mm Hg at lower back (back lying position CONTACT: Knight Marketing Communications, Ltd. for RF Surgical Kevin Knight, 972-385-9384 knightpr@gmail.com [3] marketing@rfsurg.com [4] KEYWORD: UNITED STATES NORTH AMERICA WASHINGTON INDUSTRY KEYWORD: SURGERY HEALTH BIOTECHNOLOGY HOSPITALS MEDICAL DEVICES MEDICAL SUPPLIES SOURCE: RF Surgical Systems, Inc.

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