Verathon, maker of BladderScan bladder volume ultrasound, provides new, free CAUTI prevention educational materials online to help nurses and infection preventionists reduce catheter-associated urinary tract infections.

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BOTHELL, Wash., July 30, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Verathon® Inc. announced today new free, online CAUTI prevention educational materials for healthcare providers at http://verathon.com/products/bladderscan/cauti-zero [1].

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These comprehensive materials include an easy-to-remember CAUTI bundle in poster and animated form, instructional videos with Diane Newman, a renowned expert on urinary issues, an interactive timeline with facts and figures on CAUTI, and additional downloadable educational materials for use by those working to lower and eliminate catheter-associated UTIs in their facilities.

Lowering the high cost of CAUTI.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that the direct medical costs of treating healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in the United States is as high as $45 billion per year.[1]

Catheter-associated UTIs, the most common HAI, represent 36% of total HAIs. Because CAUTIs have been a prevalent patient safety issue, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in October 2008 issued a new regulation to end reimbursement for the additional costs incurred from preventable CAUTI.[2]

A national hospital survey, administered by the University of Michigan, examined prevention practices in use between 2005 and 2009. While CAUTI prevention practices remain inadequate, the only practice used by 50% or more of the hospitals was portable bladder volume ultrasound.[3]

Helping nurses meet the CAUTI challenge.

As the manufacturer of BladderScan® portable bladder volume ultrasound instruments, Verathon is proud to play a key role in supporting CAUTI prevention education that can help nurses and infection preventi
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