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Automated external defibrillator maker Defibtech agrees to be acquired by Japanese medical device company Nihon Kohden.



[Nihon Kohden](#) [1] (TYO:[6849](#) [2]) is following [Asahi Kasei](#) [3] (TYO:[3407](#) [4]) into the U.S. market for automated external defibrillators, agreeing to acquire Defibtech for an undisclosed amount.

But unlike Asahi Kasei, the diversified chemical manufacturer that dropped \$2.2 billion on Zoll Medical Corp. in April, Nihon Kohden is a pure-play medical device company.

"Defibtech will not only continue expanding its AED product lineup, but also plans to develop and market other resuscitation solutions," CEO Dr. Glenn Laub said in [prepared remarks](#) [5]. "Over the past decade, having deployed more than 160,000 AEDs worldwide, we are a steadily growing force in the resuscitation market. We want to continue that growth."

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