University Hospitals Case Medical Center Presents Study On The Elimination Of Retained Surgical Sponges

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IRVINE, Calif., Feb. 27, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- SurgiCount Medical, Inc., [1] the wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Patient Safety Technologies, Inc. (OTCBB: PSTX), today announced that its market leading retained sponge prevention solution will be featured in a poster presentation by the University Hospitals Case Medical Center (UHCMC) at the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) 60th Congress March 3-7 in San Diego, Calif..

Titled "Elimination of Retained Surgical Sponges" the case study discusses the background of the issue of retained sponges, the decision by UHCMC to implement a retained sponge prevention technology, the selection of the SurgiCount Safety-Sponge® System and the successful elimination of the issue through the implementation of the solution and a collaborative patient safety improvement initiative. After a system-wide implementation in October of 2011, over 472,000 Safety-Sponge® products have been scanned to date and the entire system has been able to achieve zero retained sponge events. Additional costs of adoption were found to be outweighed by the advancements in patient safety.

"Incorporating the Safety-Sponge® System into our practice has enabled us to provide our patients with a higher standard of patient care," stated Sandra K. Dankelson , BSN, RN at UHCMC. "Retained surgical items are among one of the most common preventable medical mistakes. Our data shows that the use of this technology in conjunction with our manual counting protocol ensures these costly, dangerous medical mistakes do not happen in our hospitals."

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