

Flo Healthcare Introduces New Power Systems to Support Increasing Demands on Wireless Mobile Workstations

Innovative solutions offer flexibility to support workflows, enhance long-term value

June 30, 2009 (FPRC) -- Flo Healthcare, a leading provider of wireless mobile workstations that enable clinicians to connect more effectively with real-time information at the point-of-care, today announced an expanded line of power systems designed to offer hospitals more flexibility for maximizing performance and enhancing the long-term value of workstations.

Power systems are a critical issue as hospitals require workstations to support an increasing number of energy-intensive point-of-care technologies such as advanced telehealth and PACS/imaging review.

Flo Healthcare's new line-up, offered with the new Flo 1760, the Flo 1800 and as an upgrade for the Flo 1750 to extend lifecycles, includes a revolutionary lithium nanophosphate power system that delivers an unsurpassed combination of durability (cycle life), run time between re-charging, consistent performance, and light weight for improved workstation mobility and ergonomics. Other new options include improved systems powered by nickel metal hydride (NiMH) and sealed lead acid (SLA), as well as a swappable battery system.

"Our expanded line of power systems offers hospitals flexibility to design a Mobile Power Strategy that supports workflows, ensures compliance with safety regulations, extends workstation lifecycles, streamlines maintenance and improves ergonomics and mobility," said Keith Washington, vice president and general manager, Flo Healthcare. "As a result, hospitals can extend the life and improve the long-term value of their investment in wireless mobile workstations."

Matching power systems to the specific workflows of each department is a key element in a Mobile Power Strategy. For instance, emergency departments have demanding requirements that put a premium on full-shift mobility while minimizing downtime for recharging. By contrast, in less demanding units, workstations may remain plugged in throughout a shift, meaning that lower cost power systems may be the right option.

Flo Healthcare's flexible power options also ensure workstations can be upgraded as point-of-care technology evolves and requires more power. In addition, older workstations can be refreshed to include lower-cost power options to meet the needs of less demanding units. As a result, the hospital can add years to the lifespan of the workstation to substantially reduce total cost of ownership. For more background on developing a Mobile Power Strategy, download a Flo Healthcare white paper.

The expansion of Flo Healthcare's power systems builds on the company's tradition of innovation. Currently holding several U.S. patents on key design elements for mobile clinical workstations and with several more in process, Flo Healthcare continues to innovate in the mobile care space. Flo Healthcare has wireless mobile workstations and wireless infrastructure systems installed within hundreds of hospitals across the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

To ensure safety, performance and ease of maintenance, the Flo 1760 meets international

biomedical safety standards (UL-60601-1), as well as the RoHS Directive in the European Union. Flo Healthcare products are certified by CSA International, a leading provider of product testing and certification services.

About Flo Healthcare

Flo Healthcare designs wireless mobile workstations that enable doctors and nurses to more effectively connect with real-time information at the point-of-care. Flo Healthcare works with clinical software, OEM business partners and value added resellers to deliver patented, integrated solutions to medical facilities across the U.S., Europe, the Middle East and Asia. For more information on Flo Healthcare, visit www.flohealthcare.com or call 877-FLO-4040.

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