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Hill-Rom Announces Agreement with Tri-anim to Enhance Distribution Channels for The Vest® System in U.S. Hospitals & Long-Term Care Facilities

BATESVILLE, Ind., (June 24, 2008) – Hill-Rom (NYSE: HRC) today announced the signing of a distribution agreement with Tri-anim Health System, Inc. (Sylmar, Calif.). The agreement will enhance selling efforts for Hill-Rom’s product The Vest® Airway Clearance System to both acute and long-term care facilities within the United States.

“We are excited to move forward partnering with Tri-anim,” said Kim Dennis, group vice president, Post Acute Care at Hill-Rom. “We believe this strategic alliance will enhance our focus on increasing awareness of the importance of Airway Clearance Therapy in the treatment of respiratory conditions across the care continuum.”

Dennis added that, “Hill-Rom’s expertise in providing innovative medical technology products, such as The Vest System, will fit well with Tri-anim’s experience as the nation’s largest specialty distributor of respiratory care products in the acute care segment. This relationship will be good for patients and their caregivers, and will enhance the goals of both our companies.”

“We are thrilled to have the opportunity to represent such a respected and recognized brand in the healthcare market and look forward to taking Hill-Rom’s The Vest Airway Clearance System into the Acute Care Market,” said Bob Byers, Jr., president and founder of Tri-anim. “The Vest System has been clinically proven as an effective device in the treatment of retained pulmonary secretions for over 15 years. We are confident that the specialty distribution partnership between Tri-anim and Hill-Rom will lead to greater application of the High

Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation technology in all areas of the hospital to help reduce pulmonary complications and improve patient outcomes.”

The Vest Airway Clearance System, Model 205, which in 2007, received a Medical Design Excellence Award® for distinction in engineering and design, will be the first product to be distributed with Tri-anim.

The Vest System uses High-Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation (HFCWO) technology to provide both the patient and clinician with a safe, easy to use, and effective method of Airway Clearance Therapy. HFCWO therapy is prescribed for patients with retained secretions as a result of either acute or chronic respiratory conditions.

ABOUT TRI-ANIM

For more than 30 years, Tri-anim has met the needs and exceeded the expectations of providers throughout the healthcare continuum, including hospitals, emergency medical services (EMS), long-term care facilities, surgery centers and nursing homes. Tri-anim is an industry leader providing e-commerce solutions enabling customers a faster and more efficient procurement method for purchasing medical products. The e-Quick® System, a proprietary patent-pending technology, allows customers to place a five-line order in less than 45 seconds. All in-stock orders received - until 5 p.m. - are shipped the same day from one of 13 distribution centers nationwide. For more information, go to www.Tri-anim.com.

ABOUT HILL-ROM

Hill-Rom is a leading worldwide manufacturer and provider of medical technologies and related services for the health care industry, including patient support systems, non-invasive therapeutic products for a variety of acute and chronic medical conditions, medical equipment rentals, and workflow information technology solutions. Hill-Rom's comprehensive product and service offerings are used by health care providers across the health care continuum in hospitals, extended care facilities and home care settings to enhance the safety and quality of patient care.

Hill-Rom...enhancing outcomes for patients and their caregivers.

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