

Nihon Kohden Supports AAMI Foundation on Alarm Management Safety and Complex Technology Utilization Initiatives

IRVINE, Calif. – June 28, 2016 – [Nihon Kohden](#), a U.S. market leader in precision medical products and services, today announced a multi-year partnership with the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) to advance its mission of promoting the safe adoption and use of healthcare technology. From June 2016 to December 2018, the company will provide financial resources, as well as employee participation in AAMI's National Coalition for Alarm Management Safety and its National Coalition to Promote Preparation for Utilization of Complex Technology.

"We know that when we put our technology in the hands of clinicians, a patient's life may be at stake, and that patient could be a friend or family member. So we share AAMI's deep commitment to putting patient safety first," said Dr. Wilson P. Constantine, CEO of Nihon Kohden America. "We applaud the organization for the important work it is doing and look forward to partnering in the years to come."

Alarm management processes are complex and can vary greatly among hospitals and even within different units in a single hospital. AAMI created its National Coalition for Alarm Management Safety to bring healthcare providers and industry together to identify, develop and share best practices. To help providers address these issues, Nihon Kohden recently launched its Aware™ Alarm Management and Reporting software system designed to help hospitals improve alarm management and reduce alarm fatigue.

AAMI's National Coalition to Promote Preparation for Utilization of Complex Technology is a multi-disciplinary initiative aimed at helping clinicians better prepare for using new healthcare technologies, given the rapid pace of innovation in the industry today. In addition to addressing the needs of clinicians, biomedical engineers and industry as they work together towards this goal, the project will also strive to identify effective methods to educate patients on healthcare technology they may face during a hospital encounter in order to make them educated consumers, better equipped to understand and comply with treatment.

"We are delighted to have Nihon Kohden lend its healthcare technology expertise to our alarm management safety and complex technology utilization initiatives," said Marilyn Neder Flack, executive director and senior vice president, patient safety initiatives, for the AAMI Foundation. "The company's commitment to these issues is apparent, and we believe they will provide great contributions over the next few years."

About Nihon Kohden Corporation

Founded in Japan in 1951, Nihon Kohden is the leading manufacturer, developer and distributor of medical electronic equipment, with subsidiaries in the U.S., Europe and Asia. The company's products are now used in more than 120 countries, and it is the largest supplier of electroencephalography products worldwide. A pioneer in transformational healthcare technology, Nihon Kohden has envisioned, designed and produced revolutionary devices, such as pulse oximeters, arrhythmia analysis, low-invasive blood volume monitoring and wireless patient monitoring. In the U.S., the company is a trusted source for patient monitoring, sleep assessment, neurology and cardiology instrumentation solutions, and has been recognized for the highest customer satisfaction among U.S. hospitals and health systems for 38 consecutive quarters (MD Buyline). For more information, visit us.nihonkohden.com.

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