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Smiths Medical Displays Smart Infusion Pump Interoperability Advancements

Smiths Medical Demonstrated in the HIMSS 2014 Interoperability Showcase

St. Paul, Minn., March 4, 2014 -- Smiths Medical, a leading global medical device manufacturer, announced today it successfully demonstrated its future PharmGuard® Interoperability Software at HIMSS 2014 in Orlando, FL. The Interoperability Showcase highlighted new technology using integration profiles from the IHE® Patient Care Device Technical Framework, including:

- DEC - Device Enterprise Communication
- IPEC - Infusion Pump Event Communication
- ACM - Alert Communication Management

Smiths Medical recently completed testing at the IHE® North American Connectathon 2014, and publicly displayed the technology as part of the Interoperability Showcase at HIMSS 2014. Visitors to the showcase were presented a future vision of syringe infusion interoperability advances. Smiths Medical participated in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) vignette demonstrating syringe infusion pump data transfer to the EMR using the DEC, IPEC, and ACM integration profiles, furthering the coordinated use of established standards.

Smiths Medical has partnered with the IHE® community to develop standard integration profiles for infusion pumps. Establishing standards of communication enables interoperability between infusion pumps and EMR systems. Integration profiles enable device specific data transfer to EMR systems based on common standards for compatibility. DEC and IPEC profiles support device and clinical data, whereas ACM enables actionable alerts sent directly to the clinicians for a faster, more informed response.

“We are very excited about demonstrating new technology advancements designed to improve patient safety and route alarm communication, ensuring the right alert gets to the right clinician at the right time,” said Tommy Johns, Vice President of Global Products, Smiths Medical.

Using the IHE® profiles, which promote the use of established standards for infusion pump interoperability, also allows Smiths Medical to collaborate with other industry partners. This standardized method of communicating information ultimately helps reduce medication errors and improves patient safety, particularly when routing alarm communication to caregivers.

About Smiths Medical

Smiths Medical (www.smiths-medical.com) is a leading supplier of specialized medical devices and equipment for global markets, focusing on the medication delivery, vital care and safety devices market segments. It is part of Smiths Group (www.smiths.com), a global leader in applying advanced technologies for markets in threat and contraband detection, energy, medical devices, communications and engineered components. Smiths Group employs around 23,000 people in more than 50 countries.

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