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Cybernet Medical Partners With Foote Health System For New Disease Management Research Project

Study Utilizes Cybernet's MedStar System to Gauge Effectiveness of Remote Monitoring for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure

Ann Arbor, MI – January 31, 2005 – Cybernet Medical, a leading developer of biometric monitoring technology and medical devices for outpatient care, today announced its participation in a disease management research project with Foote Health System of Jackson, MI. The yearlong study will utilize Cybernet's award-winning MedStar System to evaluate the effectiveness of remotely monitoring the physiological status of 60 congestive heart failure (CHF) patients. Investigators hope to determine how telemedicine positively impacts the treatment of the chronic disease.

The study is being conducted as a cooperative effort between Cybernet Medical, Foote Health System and Sparton Corporation.

"In 2002, the Michigan Department of Community Health reported 40,000 preventable CHF hospitalizations in Michigan alone," stated Jacalyn Liebowitz, Vice President of Patient Care Continuum at Foote Health System. "This project hopes to validate the theory that remote monitoring of CHF patients can reduce the number of repeat hospitalizations by serving as an early warning system for preventive care."

On a daily basis, project participants will use Cybernet's MedStar in their homes to gather and record weight and blood pressure readings that are then transmitted via standard telephone lines to a central call center. There, the data will be reviewed by a registered nurse and checked against acceptable parameters determined by each patient's healthcare provider. Any changes in weight or blood pressure can be immediately noted and addressed.

“We know that monitoring chronic disease patients on a daily basis can significantly improve health outcomes,” said Chuck J. Jacobus, Ph.D., CEO at Cybernet Medical. “Through the TeleHealth Michigan disease management research project, we hope to show that telemedicine technology can significantly reduce the number of emergency room visits and repeat hospitalizations for CHF patients, improving their quality of life and providing a real cost savings to insurers.”

About Foote Health System

Foote Health System is a not-for-profit regional healthcare provider serving people in the Michigan counties of Jackson, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Ingham, Calhoun and Washtenaw. The system consists of two hospitals, more than 30 satellite locations providing primary care physician services, urgent care services, diagnostic services and other specialty services. The system features 411 beds, with Foote Hospital as its flagship hospital. Its second hospital, CareLink of Jackson, is a joint venture between Foote Health System and Borgess Health Alliance. CareLink is an acute care specialty hospital. More information on Foote Health System is available at www.footehealth.org or by calling 517-788-4970.

About Cybernet Medical

Cybernet Medical is an innovative, technology-based company focused on changing the way chronic care patients are monitored and diagnosed. Through research funded by NASA, National Institute of Health and Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA), Cybernet Medical has developed and patented electronic devices, networked databases, and web-based user interfaces for the collection and management of physiological data. Visit the company at www.cybernetmedical.com or call 734-668-2567.

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