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The Children's Hospital Partners with SK&T Integration to Rollout the New HC100 Patient ID Solution

Parker, CO, March 13, 2009. The Children's Hospital in Aurora, Colorado is partnering with SK&T Integration, Inc., and Zebra Technologies to roll out the new HC100 Patient ID Solution. Developed specifically to meet the unique needs of healthcare providers, Zebra's reliable HC100 Patient I.D. Solution makes wristband printing easier and more cost-effective than laser solutions. This solution combines the reliable HC100 direct thermal printer with easy-to-load cartridges containing the industry's only antimicrobial-coated wristbands—Zebra's Z-Band® wristbands.

The Children's Hospital is currently using snap bands in a pediatric setting. According to Stephanie Benintendi, Director of Patient Access at Children's, the driving decision behind implementing the HC 100 Patient ID Solution was due to the safety hazard of the snap bands and the time it takes to apply the insert bands. "We needed a fast, easy and safe option. After researching the industry for 3 years, we finally stumbled across the HC100 with the help of SK&T." Children's and SK&T have worked together since 2006 on printer and wristband solutions.

Benintendi says this will improve their current processes by allowing for all units where the printers are located to print on-demand. It also allows for the bands to be customized to the patient by both size and color, depending on the situation. Wristbands can also be worn longer without the labels peeling off or being destroyed by water and heat.

The printers and wristbands will initially be used in the inpatient, ED, urgent care, surgery, and radiology care areas. Children's is initially rolling out 36 printers. Three wristband colors are being used. One for patient identification; one to identify the legal guardians of patients; and one to identify a fall risk patient.

Children's will program the bar code on the wristband from the beginning of the patient's stay. Benintendi indicates that once a medication verification system using bar coding is implemented at Children's, the HC100 Patient ID solution will further benefit the hospital. A medication verification system will allow hospitals to link the patient to his or her computerized medical record, thereby reducing medical errors that can cause drug-related adverse events, wasted health care resources, and a substantial cost in lives and injuries.



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About The Children's Hospital

This year, The Children's Hospital celebrates 100 years of pediatric healthcare excellence. Founded in 1908, The Children's Hospital is a leading pediatric network entirely devoted to the health and wellbeing of children. Continually recognized as one of the nation's outstanding hospitals by U.S. News & World Report, The Children's Hospital is known both for its nationally and internationally recognized medical, research and education programs as well as the full spectrum of everyday care for kids throughout Colorado and surrounding states. With more than 1,000 healthcare professionals representing the full spectrum of pediatric specialties, The Children's Hospital network of care includes its main campus, fourteen Children's Care Centers and more than 400 outreach clinics. For more information, visit www.thechildrenshospital.org.

About SK&T Integration, Inc.

Founded in 1997, SK&T Integration is one of the largest bar code system integration firms in the Rocky Mountain region offering a comprehensive range of automated data collection solutions and media supplies to help organizations successfully reduce costs and increase their operational efficiencies. SK&T is a certified member of the WBENC (Woman Business Enterprise National Council). SK&T is a Preferred Business Partner with Zebra Technologies. For more information, visit www.skandt.com or call 720-851-9108.

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