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The Oregon Clinic Adopts Restech Dx-pH Measurement System *Innovative acid reflux test enables doctors to diagnose patients with greater accuracy, significantly improving treatment*

Portland, Ore. – Aug. 11, 2009 –The Oregon Clinic has announced that it has adopted the Restech Dx-pH Measurement System™ to detect acid reflux in the airway. The Restech DX-System is utilized by The Oregon Clinic, Gastrointestinal & Minimally Invasive Surgery Division's (GMIS) Foregut Program for the diagnosis and treatment of all diseases of the upper digestive system.

Restech's Dx-System provides valuable information about patients' pharyngeal acid exposure and its role in various comorbidities, helping physicians diagnose the cause of each patient's symptoms more accurately, and treat the patient more effectively.

"The Restech DX-System is a patient-friendly way in which to diagnose an increasingly important clinical problem – GERD related respiratory and pharyngeal problems," said Christy M. Dunst, M.D., Primary Investigator, The Oregon Clinic. "Our patients are often plagued with chronic symptoms like cough, sore throat or hoarseness that can be very difficult for their specialists to diagnosis. Since GERD is potentially treatable, identifying it as the cause of the problem can eventually lead to a definitive treatment. We are excited to offer this comfortable diagnostic procedure to our patients being treated in the GMIS Foregut Program."

Kristy Fresh, Director of Operations, The Oregon Clinic, said, "We provide our adult patients with the latest and most advanced diagnostic testing available on the West Coast, as well as a full line of treatment options tailored specific to each patient's individual needs and lifestyle. The Restech DX-System helps us to determine the least invasive intervention to relieve patients' problems for a variety of esophageal and digestive disorders."

Restech Dx-pH Measurement System

The Restech Dx-pH Measurement System is a revolutionary system that comfortably measures pH in the airway. Gastric reflux in the upper airway, or laryngopharyngeal reflux, commonly takes a gaseous form that cannot be measured using conventional technology. The miniaturized pH sensor at the tip of the Dx-pH Probe is unique in its ability to measure pH in a non-liquid environment, such as the pharynx. By monitoring the pH levels in the pharynx, the Dx-System enables physicians to confirm or deny the presence of laryngopharyngeal reflux, and evaluate it as a possible contributor to their patients' symptoms.

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The Dx-pH Probe's miniaturized, patented sensor is housed in the tear-drop shaped tip at the distal end of a thin trans-nasal catheter. An LED blinks during placement, allowing the medical personnel to confirm the proper placement in the oropharynx. The small size and minimally invasive position of the Restech Dx-pH Probe allows patients to carry on normal, everyday activities including eating, talking and sleeping with more comfort than conventional esophageal pH probes.

The measurements taken by the pH sensor are sent wirelessly to a recording device which the patient carries throughout the study period. Upon completion of the study (usually 24 hours), the patient returns to the physician's office where the data is downloaded and presented graphically for analysis using Restech's custom Dx-pH DataView software.

About The Oregon Clinic:

The Oregon Clinic is one of the largest private specialty physician practices in Oregon with more than 120 physicians. An evidence-based, multidisciplinary organization, The Oregon Clinic provides the highest quality care using a team approach to address medical conditions in the areas of cardiology, gastroenterology, neurology, pulmonology, urology, podiatry, otolaryngology, radiation and surgical oncology, cardiothoracic surgery, general and minimally invasive gastrointestinal surgery, and diagnostic imaging. The Oregon Clinic is committed to provide the highest quality care, practice data-driven medicine, provide leadership for the healthcare community, and offer respectful, compassionate service. It was founded in 1994 with the merger of several clinical groups in Portland, offering specialty care from Vancouver to Salem, and from Hood River to Astoria. Visit The Oregon Clinic Website at www.oregonclinic.com or call (503) 935-8000 for more information.

Foregut Program Overview

The Oregon Clinic's GMIS Foregut program offers a comprehensive approach for the diagnosis and treatment of all diseases of the upper digestive system; from the most common benign disorder to life threatening malignancies. Our services provide patients with the latest and most advanced diagnostic testing available on the west coast, as well as a full line of treatment options, tailored specific to each patient's individual needs and lifestyle.

About Restech Corporation

Restech is a leader in engineering world class medical technologies that provide comfortable, reliable solutions to assist physicians in the diagnosis of reflux related health problems quickly and reliably.

The innovative engineering team at Restech is led by professionals with over two decades experience each in medical device development. Together, the Restech staff holds over 30 patents in the areas of sensor technology, data recording & monitoring systems, and medical devices.

For more information on the Dx-pH Measurement System, please contact Ms. Debra Krahel of Restech at (800) 352-1512 or visit <http://www.restech-corp.com>.
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