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Wireless Portable Monitor Eases Recuperation For Cardiac Patients

Scotts Valley, CA (March 27, 2001) - As the medical industry enters the wireless/handheld community, innovative products are making the world of medicine more convenient and practical. The Micropaq, designed by IDE Inc. for Protocol Inc., world leader in mission-critical flexible monitoring solutions, is a wireless ambulatory patient monitor developed for use in cardiac-care applications – enabling telemetry based, real-time, wearable patient monitoring.

As a 'guardian' the Micropaq is a product that can be worn by a patient for most of the day. It was important that the Micropaq design present an approachable and comfortable level of technology to the wearer. As a result, the form is soft in its overall lines with no hard edges for patients to lean onto or catch themselves on. The Micropaq is small enough to be worn comfortably on the body and is highly durable and water-resistant. In addition, its smooth surface and minimum number of seams facilitate easy cleaning, which is essential to a smooth running, sanitary hospital environment.

The Micropaq display is integrated within a smooth polycarbonate membrane that also encompasses the four keys below it. This 'clean' harmony of functions is continued through the waist of the product, which pinches in to encourage it to be held in one hand while reading the display. A serpentine curved plateau presents the display and separates the lower portion of the unit with a balanced, thinner section. The overall aim of the design was to create an approachable and comfortable atmosphere around a technically sophisticated medical product.