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VON PARTNERS WITH INVIRO MEDICAL FOR CANADIAN LAUNCH OF INVIROSNAP!® SAFETY SYRINGE

Innovative Medical Device Designed to Help Safeguard Healthcare Workers From Needle stick Injuries

For immediate release

ATLANTA – May 30th, 2006 – As legislation rolls out across Canada mandating that healthcare facilities provide safety devices to protect healthcare workers from needlestick injuries, the VON (Victorian Order of Nurses) is partnering with Inviro Medical to help launch the InviroSNAP!® Safety Syringe. VON will train institutional staff and public health departments to use the easy-to-operate device, which was designed to protect healthcare workers from injuries and occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens.

“Safety of healthcare workers goes hand in hand with the safety of our clients and innovative devices like the InviroSNAP! Safety Syringe will help us protect our employees at VON and others,” says VON Prairie Branch Manager, Linda Curwin.

“We believe our patented manually retractable technology provides enhanced safety and ease-of-use compared to other safety syringes currently available,” says Gareth Clarke, CEO of Inviro Medical. “The VON is a highly respected organization offering valuable services throughout Canada. Our joint training initiative sends a positive signal to Canadian healthcare organizations, as well as to provinces where legislation is pending.”

Working with the VON Prairie Branch, Inviro Medical recently launched its product in Saskatchewan, and will conduct training, implementation and evaluation for institutions throughout Canada.

“With 55 branches in all provinces of Canada, VON is well positioned to provide the nursing expertise to train peers to use Inviro Medical’s important health and safety technology, as well as address a dominant issue in the healthcare field today,” says Ann Phillips, VON National Contracts Coordinator. Safety syringes are necessary to help protect workers from occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens, such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV) and others diseases.

While most safety syringes are retrofitted using add-on pieces, the uniquely engineered InviroSNAP! Safety Syringe looks and functions like a traditional syringe and is easy to use. With hand and fingers safely positioned behind the needle, the clinician administers the dose, pulls the plunger back -- causing the needle to retract inside the barrel -- and snaps off the plunger, permanently disabling the device.

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“Designed by a practicing Canadian nurse and Canadian surgeon -- motivated by concerns about the severe medical, psychological and economic consequences of accidental needlestick injuries -- well in advance of legislative mandates, this device protects healthcare workers by reducing potential exposure to bloodborne pathogens,” explains Clarke.

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About Inviro Medical

Founded in 1988, Inviro Medical is a medical device company that engineers and markets safe medication delivery systems. After years of research to develop its patents and refine its product designs, the company is now poised to address the growing \$1.6 billion safety syringe market and is currently introducing its breakthrough technology in North America. Headquartered in Atlanta, Inviro Medical is becoming a leading industry champion in the quest to protect healthcare workers, patients and the environment with innovative medical devices. For more information, visit www.inviromedical.com.

About VON

VON is dedicated to being a leader in the delivery of innovative comprehensive health and social services, and to influencing the development of health and social policy in Canada. It is a national health organization and registered charity offering a wide range of community health care solutions that meet the needs of Canadians from coast to coast. VON is committed to quality improvement and is accredited by the Canadian Council of Health Services Accreditation. For more information, visit www.von.ca

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