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Deltec's New CozMore™ Insulin Technology System Revolutionizes Diabetes Treatment *First-ever, all-in-one insulin pump and blood glucose meter (by TheraSense) makes managing diabetes easier than ever*

ST. PAUL, MINN. – June 10, 2003 – Deltec introduces the CozMore™ Insulin Technology System, the first all-in-one smart insulin pump and blood glucose monitoring system that helps people with diabetes take charge of their daily diabetes management. The system will be introduced at the American Diabetes Association's 63rd Scientific Sessions, June 13-17, New Orleans (Deltec Booth #2259).

The CozMore™ Insulin Technology System is a collaborative effort between Deltec, creator of the Deltec Cozmo™ Personal Insulin Pump, and TheraSense, manufacturer of the FreeStyle® Blood Glucose Monitoring System. As the first and only all-in-one insulin pump and blood glucose monitor, the CozMore™ Insulin Technology System gives users "real-time" glucose data and insulin delivery options in one place for quick and easy access.

"The CozMore™ Insulin Technology System blends two state-of-the-art products – The Deltec Cozmo™ insulin pump, the premier choice among insulin pump users, and the FreeStyle® blood glucose monitoring system, a virtually painless glucose testing alternative – to create a revolution in diabetes management," said Rod Kellogg, vice president and general manager, Deltec. "This merging of great products and the resulting innovative technology promises to lighten the cumbersome routine people with diabetes go through on a daily basis."

By combining premier insulin pump and blood glucose testing technology, Deltec and TheraSense have made diabetes management a more portable, hassle-free routine for more than 255,000 insulin pump users in the U.S. "As a leader in blood glucose monitoring technology, we're constantly looking for ways to eliminate barriers to better diabetes management and improve the quality of life for people with diabetes," said Mark Lortz, president and CEO, TheraSense.

"With the help of FreeStyle's Nano-sample™ technology and our advances in test accuracy, we believe the CozMore™ Insulin Technology System can significantly change the way that people manage their diabetes on a daily basis."

CozMore™ System components include:

Deltec Cozmo™ Personal Insulin Pump – an insulin pump with advanced technology and easy-to-use features that helps people with diabetes more accurately regulate their insulin usage, increasing their health and quality of life.

CoZmonitor™ Blood Glucose Monitoring System – a virtually painless blood glucose monitoring system powered by TheraSense FreeStyle® technology, which gives users accurate and precise blood glucose results with a 0.3 microliter sample – a blood drop about the size of a pinhead.

CoZmanager™ PC Communications System – a complete software program that links the CozMore™ System with a computer, allowing users to personalize the system to their lifestyle, as well as track and review histories on more than 2,000 system "events."

How the CozMore™ System works:

The CozMore™ System is both lightweight and easy to use. First, users lance their fingertip or a less painful, alternate testing site (the forearm, upper arm, thigh, calf or fleshy part of the hand) with a FreeStyle® Lancing device. Next, they insert the FreeStyle® Test Strip into the CoZmonitor™ System, which is attached to the Deltec Cozmo™ Insulin Pump.

The CoZmonitor™ System automatically transfers the blood glucose information to the Deltec Cozmo™ Pump through an infrared port. If the user's blood glucose level is higher than normal, he or she can go directly to the bolus menu to correct it without having to manually re-enter the blood glucose value, ensuring more consistent insulin delivery.

In addition, blood glucose results are combined with insulin delivery data and stored in the Deltec Cozmo™ Insulin Pump's history log to provide a complete picture of the user's diabetes management, allowing them to be more proactive in their insulin decisions. The system's central data storage capabilities also allow users to go through fewer steps and therapy calculations – reducing the risk of data or transcription errors.

Because insulin pump therapy requires more frequent blood glucose testing, it's not unusual for a typical user to check his or her glucose levels six to eight times a day or more. The CozMore™ System's small, compact size makes it easier for pump users to carry everything necessary to manage their diabetes, eliminating the need for them to store and/or carry around multiple blood glucose meters.

Deltec has submitted a 510(k) application to the FDA for clearance, and the first CozMore™ System units are expected to be available after January 2004.

Deltec is a world leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of medical devices used in ambulatory infusion therapy, including ambulatory infusion pumps, large volume infusion pumps, implantable access systems, dialysis and infusion catheters, needles and insulin delivery systems. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minn., Deltec is part of the medical division of Smiths Group plc, London, and is committed to developing the highest quality, most reliable products to provide innovative, convenient and cost-effective drug delivery worldwide. Visit us at www.deltec.com.

TheraSense develops, manufactures and sells easy-to-use glucose monitoring systems that dramatically reduce the pain of testing for people with diabetes. TheraSense began selling its first product, the FreeStyle® Blood Glucose Monitoring System, in June 2000. The FreeStyle® system has wide distribution in the United States through national retailers including Walgreens, Wal-Mart, CVS, Eckerd and Rite Aid. The TheraSense headquarters and test strip manufacturing facility are located in Alameda, California. Visit us at www.therasense.com.