

A&D Medical releases first Continua Certified™ blood pressure monitor and personal weight scale

New products expand the Continua Health Alliance range of interoperable devices

Abingdon, Oxfordshire – August 7, 2009 – Furthering its legacy as a pioneer and innovator in telemedicine devices, A&D Medical today announced the release of the first Continua Certified™ blood pressure monitor and the first certified personal weight scale. The certification of these two *Bluetooth*® wireless technology products significantly increases the number of market-ready, interoperable devices available in the Continua Health Alliance ecosystem.

The A&D Medical UA-767PBT-C automatic blood pressure monitor with *Bluetooth* wireless technology and the UC-321PBT-C precision personal weight scale with *Bluetooth* wireless technology were certified as conforming to the Continua Version One Design Guidelines, incorporating the *Bluetooth* Health Device Profile (HDP) and the ISO/IEEE 11073 data protocols. Compliance to these guidelines allows for interoperability between all Continua Certified™ devices and enables manufacturers to create health information systems easily and efficiently.

Both body weight and blood pressure information are vital to the care of chronic diseases including cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases and diabetes. With these newly certified devices, A&D Medical expands the number of physiological parameters that a Continua compliant solution can include.

“We have already been selected as partners in several existing European TeleHealth programs and our Company is now proud to offer products with Continua Health Alliance certification” said Mr Takeo Goto, Managing Director of A&D Medical in the UK.

A&D Medical has a long history of pioneering new technology, particularly in the field of home blood pressure measurement. The company introduced the world’s first oscillometric home blood pressure monitor, the first telemedicine blood pressure monitor and the first *Bluetooth* wireless technology enabled blood pressure monitor. Now, it has unveiled the first Continua Certified™ blood pressure monitor as well. This development comes hot on the heels of the announcement of Continua’s first certified *Bluetooth* wireless technology device and less than a year after the announcement of the first Continua Certified™ USB device.

“We are pleased to see the announcement of two new Continua Certified™ devices from A&D Medical,” said Rick Crossen, Continua president and chairman of the Board of Directors. “The addition of these devices further contributes to Continua’s mission to establish an ecosystem of interoperable personal telehealth solutions, empowering people and organizations to better manage their health and wellness.”

“A&D Medical’s *Bluetooth* wireless technology enabled devices help expand the capabilities of the Continua Certified™ product ecosystem, and will have a significant impact in the remote patient monitoring sector,” said Emma Naudo, Market Analyst, IMS Research. “Remote patient monitoring technology is vital for the healthcare industry. The availability of interoperable, standards-based, solutions from companies like A&D Medical as part of an ecosystem of devices will be vital to the success of broad remote patient monitoring deployments.”

The UA-767PBT series of devices is clinically validated for accuracy according to British Hypertension Society protocol and meets ANSI/AAMI SP10 standards. Both the UA-767PBT-C and UC-321PBT-C Continua Certified™ and *Bluetooth* wireless technology enabled devices will be available for purchase this autumn. A&D Medical is already hard at work developing its next Continua compliant devices, which are expected to be certified later this year.

About A&D Medical – www.aandd-eu.net

A&D Medical is a division of A&D Instruments Ltd, and is ISO 9001:2008 certified. Since 1977, A&D Medical in Japan has been manufacturing and distributing a full line of advanced electronic blood pressure monitoring equipment and healthcare products for professional and home use. The company has established itself as a leader in home health monitoring technology through the development and introduction of unique products. A&D Medical offers accurate devices for remote patient monitoring of heart disease and other chronic diseases through wired and Bluetooth® wireless systems for health system integrators.

About Continua Health Alliance – www.continuaalliance.org

Continua Health Alliance is a non-profit, open industry coalition of the finest healthcare and technology companies joining together in collaboration to improve the quality of personal healthcare. With more than 200 member companies around the world, Continua is dedicated to establishing a system of interoperable personal health solutions with the knowledge that extending those solutions into the home fosters independence, empowers individuals and provides the opportunity for truly personalized health and wellness management.

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