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## **Connexall incorporates Stryker technology to create Patient Environment of the Future**

### ***Unique “Smartbed” Connectivity Solution Improves Patient Safety by Reducing Risks Associated with Falls and Never Events***

**Toronto and Boulder, CO, June 16, 2011** – Each year, as many as two falls occur for every occupied hospital bed – accounting for 75% of inpatient incidents and forcing hospitals to incur thousands and sometimes millions of dollars in litigation fees. To address this growing cost and patient safety issue, [Connexall®](http://www.connexall.com) has utilized Stryker’s open architecture to deliver wireless smart bed technology that helps enable hospitals to minimize the risks and expenses associated with patient falls, prevent [never events](#), and improve workflow across departments.

With its FDA-cleared iBed™ Wireless System, Stryker is transforming hospital beds into “smart” beds; Connexall’s middleware technology consolidates and visualizes this advanced bed data for the end user. Stryker’s iBed Awareness monitoring system allows caregivers to select specific bed configurations for each patient, and now, Connexall can notify caregivers via visual, audible and nurse-call notification alerts when the bed configuration changes for any reason. These alerts, together with data from Stryker’s Protocol Reminders™ on the InTouch® Critical Care bed, can help enhance patient safety and increase efficiency by providing more informed care at the bedside and reducing time spent on routine bed checks.

“Hospitals today are looking for ways to do more with less, reduce adverse events, create more effective communication, and offer better patient care.”, said Rich Mayoras, senior group marketing manager for Stryker. “As a ‘tech agonistic’ tool with the ability to connect to over 100 types of devices, Connexall’s solution offers ease of implementation as well as flexibility to scale and adapt as hospitals grow and new technologies are introduced to the market.”

“Hospitals continue to face a range of financial challenges and pressures to deliver on improved care, as reimbursement becomes increasingly tied to quality measures,” said John Elms, CEO of Connexall USA. “In addition to offering real cost savings and ROI, today’s hospital solutions need to move from ‘reactive’ to ‘proactive,’ enabling clinicians to put patient safety first with access to real-time, patient-centric data and providing hospitals, physicians, payors and patients with a pathway to become more connected within the future accountable care organization models.”

#### **About Connexall®**

Connexall ([www.connexall.com](http://www.connexall.com)) is a global market leader enabling information immediacy for healthcare environments. Since 1992, the company has built on its strengths of integrating event-driven systems with communications networks to create environments where information is immediately available to those who need to act. Connexall takes a whole-solution approach that augments technological innovation with experience in understanding and optimizing customers’ business processes and information flows.

#### **About Stryker’s iBed and Connected Hospital**

Stryker’s Connected Hospital® and iBed platform involve a combination of communication, networking, and information management with an open-architecture strategy. This provides maximum flexibility for a best-in-class system with a lower total cost of ownership. This platform enables customers to better utilize smart beds as part of their care system both at the bedside and remotely to facilitate significant improvements in the cost and quality of patient care. It also allows customers to maximize their current IT infrastructure investments.

#### **About Stryker’s Medical Division**

Stryker's Medical division designs, manufactures, sells and services specialty patient care & handling equipment for the acute care hospital market. Stryker's innovative and easy-to-use products include critical care, med/surg and maternity beds; therapeutic and pulmonary support surfaces; mobility and procedural stretchers; and patient room furniture, as well as ambulance cots, stair and evacuation chairs for the emergency medical services industry. Stryker's Medical division is located in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Stryker is one of the world's leading medical technology companies and is dedicated to helping healthcare professionals perform their jobs more efficiently while enhancing patient care. The Company offers a diverse array of innovative medical technologies, including reconstructive, medical and surgical, and neurotechnology and spine products to help people lead more active and more satisfying lives. For more information about Stryker, please visit [www.stryker.com](http://www.stryker.com).

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