



## Teleflex Incorporated Signs New Agreement with Premier for Arrow(R) Intra-Aortic Balloon Catheter and Pump (IABP) Products

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LIMERICK, Pa., Oct 21, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Teleflex Incorporated (NYSE:TFX), a leading global provider of medical devices for critical care and surgery, has announced a new agreement with Premier Purchasing Partners, L.P., the group purchasing unit of the Premier healthcare alliance. The new agreement covers Teleflex Incorporated's Arrow(R) brand of Intra-Aortic Balloon Catheters and Pumps (IABP). It begins November 1, 2011 and extends through October 31, 2014.

Arrow's AutoCAT(R) 2 series of intra-aortic balloon pumps (IABPs), designed to meet the wide range of customer requirements and patient conditions, represent the most technologically advanced cardiac assist consoles on the market today. Used to support patients whose native or pharmacologically-assisted cardiac output is unable to meet the body's tissue perfusion needs, Arrow's balloon pump consoles offer full automaticity of the most critical functions, responding to changes in patient conditions to maintain the desired level of hemodynamic support.

The only console with the physiologically derived WAVE(R) algorithm, developed by physician scientists and peer-reviewed in professional medical journals, this system is designed to support the sickest of cardiac patients; those with fast and erratic heart rhythms as well as those patients with slow and regular heart rhythms. In one study, the AutoCAT 2 WAVE(R) IABP demonstrated a 98% accuracy rate in inflating the balloon catheter within several milliseconds of the target physiologic event.<sup>1</sup> With one button start-up and full support initiated within 5 seconds, both physicians and clinicians can focus on the patient's needs and not the support device's function.

Offering a wide variety of intra-aortic balloon catheters (IAB), Arrow's disposable catheter options range from firm to flexible catheter body construction with arterial pressure obtained from fiber optic or conventional transduced sources or both, depending on patient need and clinician preference. Catheters are available with multiple balloon volume sizes and catheter body sizes and can be placed with a sheath introducer or without, depending on the physician's preference.

"Teleflex's Cardiac Care team has a long history of working closely with physicians to provide products that help to improve patient outcomes," said Howard Miller, President, Cardiac Care Division. "We welcome the opportunity to work with Premier members in bringing this critical therapy to their patients."

<sup>1</sup>Schreuder JJ, Castiglioni A, Donelli A, et al. Automatic intra-aortic balloon pump timing using an intrabeatdicrotic notch prediction algorithm. *Ann Thorac Surg.* 2005;79:1017-1022.

### About the Premier Healthcare Alliance, Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Recipient

Premier is a performance improvement alliance of more than 2,500 U.S. hospitals and 76,000-plus other healthcare sites using the power of collaboration to lead the transformation to high quality, cost-effective care. Owned by hospitals, health systems and other providers, Premier maintains the nation's most comprehensive repository of clinical, financial and outcomes information and operates a leading healthcare purchasing network. A world leader in helping deliver measurable improvements in care, Premier has worked with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the United Kingdom's National Health Service North West to improve hospital performance. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Premier also has an office in Washington. <http://www.premierinc.com/about/news>.

### About Teleflex Incorporated

Teleflex is a leading global provider of specialty medical devices for a range of procedures in critical care and surgery. Our mission is to provide solutions that enable healthcare providers to improve outcomes and enhance patient and provider safety. Headquartered in Limerick, PA, Teleflex employs approximately 11,600 people worldwide and serves healthcare providers in more than 130 countries. For additional information about Teleflex please refer to <http://www.teleflex.com>.

### Forward-Looking Statements

Any statements contained in this press release that do not describe historical facts may constitute forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statements contained herein are based on our management's current beliefs and expectations, but are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances, which may cause actual results or company actions to differ materially from what is expressed or implied by these statements. These risks and uncertainties are identified and described in more detail in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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