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Wireless Communications System Speeds Communications Among Clinicians in New 317-bed Children's Hospital Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (Aug. 2, 2011) – The wireless communications system built into the new 317-bed Children's Hospital Los Angeles pavilion that opened on July 17 now provides clinicians with maximum mobility and enables popular mobile devices such as iPhones and iPads to have better communications and information sharing.

The [InnerWireless](#)[®] broadband distributed antenna system (DAS) known as Horizon4G[™] also aligns with the hospital's goal for family-centered care and provides parents with an environment where they can be close to their children and directly involved in their child's care. The new system offers full, glass-to-glass multi-carrier cellular and Wi-Fi capabilities from the basement throughout the building which will ideally make clinicians more accessible to the staff during the day.

Converging in-building wireless services onto a comprehensive wireless platform to support mobile real-time communication, enhance patient care and safety, and reduce costs has been a tremendous endeavor in the new 460,000-square-foot hospital.

Steve Garske, CIO of Children's Hospital Los Angeles, said InnerWireless enables the hospital's unified communications strategy, which currently includes Aruba Wi-Fi and AT&T, Verizon and Sprint carrier services. Philips medical telemetry, RFID and more than 200 smart infusion pumps will be added to the wireless ecosystem later this year.

"We successfully converged our cellular and Wi-Fi services onto the InnerWireless system at the current facility. So it was a natural step to select the same system for the new facility," Garske said. In addition, the Children's Hospital Los Angeles IT group has developed a proprietary application that provides instant access to any of the hospital's care providers via the wireless system.

"We're developing a Wi-Fi application that will run on Apple's iTouch, enabling nurse call and clinician communication everywhere inside the hospital," Garske said. "Ultimately, we will also utilize the iTouch barcode feature at point of care, so that our staff can utilize a single device for communication, patient information and medical images. This is something we're very excited about, and the more I talk with other CIOs about our experience, the more I believe they are interested in moving toward convergence like we have."

Ubiquitous in-building wireless coverage helps the hospital meet clinicians' mobility and care-giving needs and provides everywhere, every time access to vital information.

"Ubiquitous wireless is invaluable, especially as we continue adding new clinical applications that give physicians the flexibility they need to be mobile and have information at their fingertips. Previously they ran to a work station or a computer on wheels, but now they can get anything with the touch of a button," Garske said. "New nurses and doctors who are joining our hospital demand the kind of clinical mobility and functionality that only wireless devices can deliver. We're very happy that our wireless strategy is meeting clinicians' needs as they provide the very best pediatric medicine."

"InnerWireless is honored to be a significant part of the healthcare technology strategy at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. I can think of no better use of our services than to support the great doctors, nurses, specialists and researchers who care for our children," said Bill Holman, senior vice president of sales for InnerWireless. "We look forward to a long partnership and are excited to support wireless services that help Children's Hospital Los Angeles set the standard of care for children and families."

About Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Children's Hospital Los Angeles has been named the best children's hospital in California and among the best in the nation for clinical excellence with its selection to the prestigious *US News & World Report Honor Roll*. Children's Hospital is home to The Saban Research Institute, one of the largest and most productive pediatric research facilities in the United States. The hospital is also one of America's premier teaching hospitals through its affiliation since 1932 with the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California.

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