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Medical Center In Georgia Debuts Cuddles System

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Cuddles infant protection system gives peace of mind to new parents

Parents of newborns at Colquitt Regional Medical Center in Moultrie, Georgia are feeling an added measure of comfort as the Medical Center is the latest facility to install the Cuddles infant protection system exclusively from Accutech Security.

Accutech offers this state-of-the-art technology that uses Radio Frequency Identification, or RFID, to monitor infant activity on the maternity ward. Infants are fitted with a small, comfortable bracelet around the ankle or wrist that sends a signal if the child is removed from the area or if the band is removed or cut. The signal sounds an alarm and the ward will immediately respond with a lockdown until the infant is located. Only nursing personnel can remove or deactivate the bracelets. Each tag is also uniquely identifiable to instantly match mother and baby.

Jim Matney, President and CEO of Colquitt Regional Medical Center, says the new security system is part of the hospital's goal to use technological advances to provide the highest level of care. "This is one of many measures we have in place to keep the babies safe," he said. "Colquitt Regional Medical Center is setting the standard for healthcare by providing the latest high technology in all areas of care we provide while still giving a personal touch to our patients."

The Cuddles Infant Protection System can also be enhanced with the Accutech Two-Way Radio that allows healthcare professionals to speak to one another, giving specific and real-time information about the location and nature of an alarm. This decreases the time it takes for the staff of a healthcare facility to respond to an alarm by sending customizable audio messages to all the radios on the network.

Accutech Security offers several options to hospitals and care facilities to keep track of vulnerable patients, offering comfort to families that their loved ones will always be protected. For more information please call us at toll-free at (800) 356-2671 and we would be happy to help you.

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Cuddles Mother Baby Match to Prevent Confusion

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Babies switched at birth – the story strikes fear into the heart of every parent. In December 2012 in Minneapolis, new mother Tammy Van Dyke’s day-old baby was accidentally placed in the incorrect bassinet on the morning they were to be sent home together. He was given to the wrong mother and breastfed before the nursing staff realized the mistake and were able to identify both babies correctly. The other mother had to wait twenty minutes until her baby was located and confirmed.

No lasting harm was done, but both mothers experienced the overwhelming fear of losing their newborn child and were very upset with the hospital. Van Dyke told ABC News in Minneapolis “She was just as distraught as me that this happened to her, and in the meantime, also didn’t know where her baby was. She has twins.”

The hospital released a statement from the Chief Clinical Officer (and Obstetrician) saying “I have personally seen verification of the infant’s identifying name band matched correctly with the mother’s on hundreds of occasions. It is extremely unfortunate that was not the case this time. We sincerely apologize to the involved families and will make certain we understand why our procedures were not appropriately followed in this case.”

This case illustrates a fundamental truth – that even well-trained, vigilant and committed staff in a world-class healthcare facility can make mistakes. Cuddles Infant Protection System from Accutech Security offers a mother-baby match feature that ensures a procedural oversight like this does not lead to mishap. Our RFID-enabled, non-allergenic Infant Tags let you know that every infant under your care is safe. Each tag is uniquely identifiable, giving you the ability to instantly match mother and baby – electronically. The mother-baby match is just one important feature offered with the Cuddles Infant Protection System to ensure the security of infants in your care while meeting the unique needs of nurses and the concerns of new parents.

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Security Audit Demonstrates Cuddles System Success

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A nurse using the Accutech Cuddles infant protection system

When the time came to update the infant security system on the maternity floor of Montrose Memorial Hospital in Montrose, Colorado the staff looked at several options. The old system was outdated and the number of false alarms were concerning to Coral Ann Hackett, Director of the Family Center at Montrose Memorial. JCAHO and AWHONN recommend an infant protection security system be in place, so they began a search to update their system.

A hospital committee explored six security systems for ease of use, a short ramp-up time for staff and a low false alarm risk. Ultimately, the Cuddles infant protection system from Accutech was chosen. "One of the key factors to us was the low instance of false alarms as well as a local source for support and maintenance. We wouldn't be dependent on technicians having to fly in or support it remotely. They could be on-site quickly if we needed them," says Ms. Hackett.

False alarms on maternity floors are disruptive and upsetting to new parents and can harm the quiet environment fostered by nursing staff. They may also lead to alarm fatigue, which reduces the urgency required to respond. Accutech Security products operate at a unique frequency just below the maximum requirement mandated by the Department of Defense. This makes the system one of the most interference free on the market so false alarm rates are very low. The soft band used by the Cuddles system is also not affected by infant weight loss so a loose band won't fall off and generate an alarm. These "too loose" alarms are a common occurrence with other systems and can significantly increase alarm fatigue and response time.

Approximately a year after the Cuddles system was installed Ms. Hackett and a security officer conducted a security audit. No one else on the hospital staff was aware of the event to ensure an accurate environment for the test. In place of an actual infant an adult female volunteer was fitted with a security band around her wrist, given a large bag and instructed to leave the maternity floor.

The Cuddles system was activated as she approached an exit, triggering an alarm and automatically locking the door. One critical feature of the Cuddles system is that it identifies the exact door so there is no confusion or lost time.

Security and nursing staff immediately confronted the volunteer because she was carrying a large bag that could easily conceal an infant. Previous security tests using the old infant security system had failed because the doors to the maternity floor did not lock, nor could the particular door be identified immediately.

The audit was an immediate success. "It did exactly what it was supposed to do. It was perfect," said Ms. Hackett, "It worked so well we had to let the person off the floor to allow the rest of the hospital to participate in the drill."

A hospital-wide "Code Pink" was issued as the volunteer continued into the main hospital area. She was stopped swiftly and repeatedly by both hospital staff and security officers and never made it to the outside entrance. The Accutech Cuddles infant protection system worked flawlessly and reinforced the decision of Montrose Memorial to select and install it.

The success of the security audit was reassuring to Ms. Hackett and the staff at Montrose Memorial. They know that if the day ever comes when a genuine security situation occurs the response will be quick and decisive. The Cuddles system from Accutech gives the hospital team the security and peace of mind to concentrate their attention (and love) on their tiny new patients.

If your facility is interested in testing current "Code Pink" policies and procedures, please contact Accutech Security for a free, high-level security audit.

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