



## **Verathon® Introduces GlideScope® Video Laryngoscopes for Preterm & Neonatal Patients, Enabling Quick Intubation**

Bothell, Wash., (September 17, 2008) – Verathon Inc. is pleased to introduce GlideScope® single-use video laryngoscope products for preterm and neonatal patients. Designed for small, delicate anatomy, the new GlideScope® video laryngoscope Cobalt 1-2 and Ranger Single Use 1-2 provide a clear, real-time view of the child's airway, enabling quick intubation. The GlideScope® Cobalt and Ranger preterm and neonatal devices are ideal for younger patients in fast-paced intubation settings, such as the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), the operating room (OR), and the emergency department (ED).

"Because smaller-sized devices often don't exist, pediatric anesthesiologists frequently have to use and adapt to equipment designed for larger patients." said Dr. John Pacey, inventor of the GlideScope® and President of Verathon Medical® Canada ULC. "The team at Verathon Medical® Canada developed the new smaller-sized GlideScope® GVL® stats and video baton so pediatric health care providers would have devices properly-sized for their patients."

Anesthesiologists who work with pediatric patients appreciate the new smaller devices. "I had a rather amazing case. The patient was a 9-week old with probable Goldenhar syndrome for cleft lip repair and removal of skin tag" stated Cheryl Gooden, MD, FAAP and Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Pediatrics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, New York. "I used the small Cobalt blade for this patient and got an excellent view of the vocal cords."

GlideScope® Cobalt and Ranger Single Use designs consist of: a slim reusable video baton which houses a high-resolution camera with an anti-fogging mechanism to resist lens contamination; a non-glare color monitor; and single-use, sterile GVL® Stats in two preterm and neonatal sizes that offer unique blade angulation. Health care providers can choose between the Cobalt product that comes with a 6.5" view monitor with NTSC video output to facilitate recording, or the compact and rugged Ranger that offers an integrated 3.5" screen.

Minimizing the need for "blind" intubation procedures, GlideScope® video laryngoscopes (GVL®) provide a real time view of the airway and of endotracheal tube placement. The GlideScope® Cobalt and Ranger single-use designs, which eliminate the need for disinfecting the "blade," are based on the popular GlideScope® GVL® reusable video laryngoscope that achieves a Cormack-Lehane Grade I or Grade II view 99 percent<sup>1</sup> of the time.

### **About Verathon Inc.**

Verathon®, formerly Diagnostic Ultrasound Corp., designs and manufactures reliable, state-of-the-art medical devices and services that offer a meaningful improvement in patient care to the health care community. The company's noninvasive BladderScan® instrument is the standard of care for bladder volume measurement. The brand is found in over 60 countries in Urology and Primary Care practices, as well as Acute Care and Extended Care facilities. With the January 2006 acquisition of Saturn Biomedical Systems in Vancouver, Canada, Verathon® entered Anesthesiology, Critical Care and Emergency markets with the GlideScope® Video Laryngoscope (GVL®) brand. Verathon® is headquartered in Bothell, Washington and has approximately 330 employees worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.verathon.com](http://www.verathon.com).

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