



Verathon Extends Range of GlideScope Video Laryngoscope with New Single Use –GVL 2.5 Stat for Small Children

Device now covers age/weight spectrum from preterm through 28 kg patients

Bothell, Wash. (May 16, 2011) – Verathon® has enhanced the capability of its GlideScope® Cobalt AVL video laryngoscope by adding a new GVL® 2.5 Stat size designed for small children. The new Stat is a sterile, single-use blade with unique angulation suitable for pediatric patients weighing from 10 to 28 kilograms, extending the range of device use from pre-term (less than 1.5 kilograms) through patients weighing up to 28 kilograms.

"I have had excellent results with the new GVL 2.5 Stat in managing both the normal and difficult pediatric airways," said Cheryl K. Gooden, M.D., FAAP, The Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York. "This new size is ideal for the pediatric patient, age and weight range gap that until now was not available."

GlideScope video laryngoscopes are designed to enable quick intubation and consistently provide a clear picture of the larynx and vocal cords on a display monitor. By offering real-time visual control of the endotracheal tube (ETT) in its trajectory toward the airway, GlideScope instruments help eliminate the "blind" procedure issue that can occur when using a direct laryngoscope (DL). The new 2.5 Stat is available for the GlideScope Cobalt AVL 1-2 and Ranger Single Use 1-2 video batons, optimized for use in settings requiring fast-paced intubations, such as the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), the operating room (OR) and the emergency department (ED).

GlideScope Cobalt AVL and Ranger single-use systems are comprised of a slim reusable video baton with a high-resolution camera and an anti-fogging mechanism to resist lens clouding and secretions; a non-glare color monitor; and single-use GVL Stats in four sizes designed for small, delicate anatomy. The AVL includes integrated, real-time recording to help confirm tube placement, and high-resolution output facilitates OR theatre viewing. An onboard technique tutorial helps make the AVL easy to use, learn and teach.

About Verathon Inc.

Verathon 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 a standard of care for portable ultrasound bladder volume measurement. The brand is found in Urology and Primary Care practices, as well as Acute and Extended Care facilities. With the acquisition of Saturn Biomedical Systems in Vancouver, Canada, Verathon entered Anesthesiology, Critical Care and Emergency markets with the GlideScope video laryngoscope brand. Verathon is headquartered in Bothell, Washington and operates as a subsidiary of Roper Industries. For more information, please visit verathon.com.

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