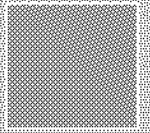




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USCOM FORMS U.S. PAEDIATRICS NETWORK

Monday, February 28, 2005: USCOM Limited (ASX Code: UCM) announced today the formation of a collaborative hospital network across the United States in the critical field of paediatrics.

USCOM, the Australia-based developer of the USCOM non-invasive cardiac output system, has formally signed partnership agreements for clinical research and applications at two major paediatric centres of excellence with further announcements anticipated during the coming weeks. USCOM has initiated work with these internationally recognised university centres on important new research in the application of USCOM as a hemodynamics management tool for the care of children.

The children's hospital network is an essential element of USCOM's strategy for US market entry during calendar 2005.

The Chairman of USCOM, Mr. Rob Phillips said today, *"We have been overwhelmed by the positive response of the leaders in paediatrics medicine in the United States. We had always known that children's care would be at the core of the USCOM mission to change medical practice, but the active support and positive response from our new collaborative partners has exceeded even our own expectations."*

The collaborative agreements enable USCOM to focus its validation and applications research at state-of-the-art facilities covering Intensive Care, Emergency Care, Cardiac Surgery and Trauma Retrieval.

The first two centres of excellence to partner in the USCOM hospital network are the Children's Medical Centre, Dallas, Texas and Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee.

Children's Medical Centre, Dallas, Texas

Established for 90 years, the Children's Medical Centre manages 103,000 patients per year. The centre is licensed for 406 beds, including a 52-bed paediatric intensive care unit. The hospital also has more than 50 outpatient clinics and a state-of-the-art emergency centre designed specifically for children. As a Class 1 Trauma Centre, the hospital is also the hub for the largest children's medical retrieval service in the South West U.S., conducting annually more than 3,500 emergency retrievals. USCOM's lead collaborative partner at Dallas is Dr. Thomas Abramo, Professor and Associate Medical Director, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the University of Texas SouthWestern. Dr Abramo is also medical director of the hospital's paediatric transport program, equipped with a fleet of helicopters, planes and ambulances.

Vanderbilt Children's Hospital

Vanderbilt Children's Hospital's story began in 1968 and culminated in the opening of the \$172 million Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital in January 2004. With 206 inpatient beds, the hospital managed 220,000 patients in 2003. The hospital is also equipped with a 60-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Department and 12 operating rooms. Vanderbilt is a world-renowned academic medical research centre and serves as the paediatric teaching hospital for Vanderbilt University Medical School. USCOM's lead collaborative partners at Vanderbilt are Dr. Kevin Churchwell, Associate Professor of Paediatrics and Anesthesiology, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Dr Mary Taylor, Clinical Director for Cardiac Critical Care.

Dr. Churchwell is also Associate Director of the hospital's Pediatric Critical Care Services, Director of the Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship Program and Medical Director of Vanderbilt's Paediatric Critical Care Unit.