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College of Nursing Receives More Than \$60,000 in Cutting Edge Health Telemonitoring Equipment from Area Firm Cybernet

DETROIT, October 2007 – Ann Arbor, Mich.-based research and development firm Cybernet Systems Corporation, through its Cybernet Medical division, has made a donation of its latest Web-based MedStar™ System telemonitoring equipment to the Wayne State University College of Nursing. The total value of the ultramodern electronic patient and data management devices is placed at more than \$60,000.

The gift is the culmination of extensive discussions between College of Nursing Director of Development Mary Hollens, CON Associate Dean for Academic & Clinical Affairs Dr. Stephen J. Cavanagh and Cybernet representatives.

“They were very interested in learning more about what it is we do, and we felt we needed to be more of a presence in the Detroit area,” explains Damon R. Green, head of business development for Cybernet. “So we said, ‘OK, we can set up a strategic partnership.’ Because we’re in Ann Arbor, it makes sense for us to be here as well.”

The Cybernet donation, delivered to the College Oct. 9, includes remote monitoring kits for persons with such chronic health conditions as diabetes and congestive heart failure, two-way videophones and a kiosk station that allows simultaneous collection of data from multiple patients. Green says the kiosk was developed specifically to assist health care personnel following Hurricane Katrina. “That way, doctors could go into the housing areas where evacuees were staying and have all the patients log in and give their vital readings,” he says.

Much of Cybernet’s R&D work is performed on behalf of the Department of Defense, NASA and other U.S. government agencies. Green’s responsibility is to find commercial applications for the firm’s government projects and test market them with knowledgeable users such as the College of Nursing. “Right now, with telehealth, the main issue is that the people who need it really can’t afford it,” he notes. “So what we’re doing is trying to get as many people as possible to test it.”

Cybernet will provide tutorials and on-site instruction to help CON faculty and students learn the MedStar™ functionality. “My philosophy always has been that every student coming out of our College should be familiar with the latest health technologies,” Dr. Cavanagh says. “And we have graduate students who actually go into the field and do home assessments. So this equipment will be very important to us.”

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