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## Ciel Medical Announces Launch of Sherpa Suction System™

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### *Gives Caregivers Greater Confidence in Suctioning Subglottic Secretions*

Ciel Medical, a medical device start-up focusing on unmet needs of those caring for the intubated patient, today announced the launch of the Sherpa Suction System, a tool to give nurses and respiratory therapists greater confidence in suctioning secretions pooling above the endotracheal tube's inflated cuff. Caregivers want to remove these mucus secretions to avoid aspiration into the lungs and the subsequent risk of acquiring ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP).

"We observed in clinical practice that many caregivers do not have reliable access to subglottic suctioning today. Existing technologies of improved endotracheal tubes require broad upfront utilization which is cost-prohibitive for most hospitals," said Kate Garrett, CEO of Ciel Medical. "The Sherpa Suction System is exciting because of its potential to reduce pneumonia in high risk ventilated patients and ultimately, to save lives."

The Sherpa Suction System is a single-patient product and includes the Sherpa Suction Guide and Suction Line. The Guide is a single molded unit that includes a locking feature, handle, soft tip and compatible with ETT sizes from 7.0 to 8.5 mm. Sherpa Suction Guide is easily clipped to the underside of the endotracheal tube and advanced until the handle is at the patient's teeth. The integrated Suction Line easily threads through the Guide, is advanced through the opening in the handle and guided to the optimal position for removal of secretions. The Sherpa Suction System allows for selective and cost-effective use of above-the-cuff suctioning in targeted patients.

**"The patient experience we saw today is a huge testament for the product. We removed 10 cc of fluid from the airway – all of that would have gone into the lungs without the Sherpa Suction Guide. The product is elegantly simple."**

-James Pratt, Respiratory Therapy Supervisor/Educator  
Olive View UCLA Medical Center

The Sherpa Suction System is changing clinical practice in select Critical Care Units. Available nationwide in early 2016, contact Ciel Medical to discuss early adoption of the Sherpa Suction System in your hospital.

Come visit us in Booth 234 at the 2015 AARC Congress in Tampa, FL!

Visit [www.cielmedical.com](http://www.cielmedical.com) to learn more about our products and their clinical advantages.

About Ciel Medical:

Ciel Medical is a medical device company focused on the unmet need of the intubated patient. The company was founded by engineer Kate Garrett and surgeon Dan Azugury, M.D. after meeting at the Stanford Biodesign Program in 2012.

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Patent Pending

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