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Draeger Medical announces implementation of its electronic medical record system at Walter Reed's new Acute Pain Medicine Center

Innovian™ Anesthesia offers documentation support for Walter Reed's acute pain management and recovery process

Telford, Pa., June 24, 2008 – Draeger Medical Inc. announced today the implementation of its Innovian Anesthesia information system at Walter Reed Army Medical Center's (WRAMC) new Acute Pain Medicine Center, which opened its doors to patients April 18, 2008. According to the press release issued by Walter Reed, the "state-of-the-art Draeger Medical anesthesia system...will be used to monitor patient vital signs and create a real-time electronic medical record."

The Acute Pain Medicine Center at WRAMC is transforming how the military treats pain by introducing regional anesthesia. Unlike general anesthesia, which completely sedates patients, regional anesthesia targets pain at its source. The use of high-tech nerve-blocking techniques prevents pain signals from reaching the patient's brain. This alleviates localized pain and prevents the development of maladaptive nerve pathways, which have the potential to cause chronic pain issues.

Innovian Anesthesia is the information backbone that integrates near real-time, life-critical information from patient monitoring, medical therapy devices and other ancillary information systems. It gives clinicians fast access to patient data, which can minimize the duplication of efforts that often occurs with paper record systems.

The Innovian technology improves the user's ability to monitor and document procedural events and notes as well as patient vital signs. Minimizing the time required for post-op notations allows physicians to treat more patients and frees anesthesiologists to focus on the patient instead of documentation.

Additionally, Innovian functions as a valuable research tool. Together with WRAMC's clinical question module, physicians can enter research questions for Innovian to track and compile data from all procedures.

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