Smart Hospital™ collaborates with Cardinal Health to create Nursing Discovery Center

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ARLINGTON, TX—The University of Texas, Arlington School of Nursing’s Smart Hospital™ has announced a founding partnership with Cardinal Health, one of the largest global providers of products and services that help improve the safety and productivity of healthcare.

As part of the partnership, the company has established the Cardinal Health Nursing Discovery Center at the School of Nursing’s Smart Hospital™. With a focus on breaking the cycle of harmful medication errors, reducing hospital-acquired infections and making supply chains more efficient, Cardinal Health develops market-leading patient safety technologies, manufactures medical and surgical products and is one of the largest distributors of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies worldwide.

Cardinal Health helps caregivers safely dispense and administer more than 8.5 million doses of medicine via its Alaris® infusion systems or Pyxis® automation technologies; helps improve patient safety with its MedMined™ electronic infection surveillance services, VIASYS® respiratory care products and its CareFusion™ positive patient identification system; manufactures more than four million medical/surgical products, which are used in 50 percent of all surgeries and by 90 percent of all hospitals in the United States and makes more than 50,000 deliveries each day to 40,000 customer sites, including hospitals, pharmacies and other points of care. The Smart Hospital™ currently houses three Pyxis® MedStation® units.

Cardinal Health will be actively involved in the student-learning process. The partnership shares a focus on the importance of quality education of nurses, from formalized education at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate levels to continuing education for nurses throughout their careers.

According to Dean Poster, “A key strength of this partnership is the opportunity for us to work together to conduct and disseminate research to advance best practices improving patient safety. Our user feedback on current and future products and solutions will be valuable to Cardinal Health in their planning and development work. Students, healthcare providers and patients will each benefit greatly by this innovative partnership.”

Dr. Steve Lewis, Chief Medical Officer for Cardinal Health, notes, ”Cardinal Health views Nursing as a key stakeholder in patient safety and hospital efficiency. We are looking forward to jointly exploring new ideas and solutions with the University of Texas, Arlington School of Nursing at the Smart Hospital™ to create the optimal care environment for patients and caregivers.”
Other founding corporate partners of the Smart Hospital™ include Laerdal Medical and Hill-Rom®. Laerdal Medical is the world’s leading manufacturer of the SimMan® and SimBaby® full-body simulators. As a Laerdal Center of Excellence in Simulation, the Smart Hospital™ will be integrating simulation with patient care products from Hill-Rom®, which has established its National Demonstration Showcase there. Hill-Rom® is one of the largest manufacturers of hospital furnishings worldwide.

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