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Don't be desk-bound

Panasonic Canada's KX-TDA30 is a hybrid Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) private branch exchange (PBX) network telephone system, allowing a mix of desktop phones and wireless handsets in hospitals, nursing homes and other environments where health care workers are frequently on the move.

A facility's staff can be in continuous contact while walking throughout their workspace, switching seamlessly between the handheld phones and the desk units. The handheld units, while as small as cell phones, can access all of the system's features, including caller identification (caller ID) display and speaker phone operation.

The system uses the same wide area network (WAN) for voice and data and can be integrated with many existing computer networks. In-building coverage allows up to 28 wireless handsets and 24 desktop phones.

Contact: Panasonic Canada, www.panasonic.ca.

Gentle monitoring

New Softcare™ Nonadhesive Sensors from Nellcor give caregivers a gentle alternative to adhesive sensors for patients with fragile skin. Designed for the OxiMax® Pulse Oximetry System, SoftCare™ Nonadhesive Sensors fasten with Velcro® instead of adhesive tape, and are ideal for monitoring geriatric and other patients with compromised skin integrity.

Contact: Nellcor, www.oximax.com.

The heat is on

The application of moist heat is a commonly prescribed therapy, and the Thermophore Hot Pack may be the perfect way to apply it. This product offers intense moist heat, ideal for the temporary relief of arthritic and rheumatic pain. The application of moist heat is also useful in treating back pain due to muscle spasms. The moisture of the Hot Pack can transfer the heat deeper into the tissues than that of an ordinary dry heat pad.

Contact: MediComfort, www.medicomfort.com.

Support structure

Anna-Dote®'s Chair Support System is a positioning supportive aid designed to help geriatric and physically handicapped patients sit upright. This chair support fits over the backrest of wheelchairs and geriatric chairs and provides patients with an extended, more comfortable backrest. It also helps keep patients upright, and prevents them sliding from side to side.

Contact: Anna-Dote® Incorporated, www.anna-dote.com.

Help is a touch away

The Provider 680 audio-visual nurse call system from Jeron Electronic Systems Inc. is a comprehensive call system that integrates digital duplex intercoms, infrared locaters, PBX phones, wireless phones and pocket pagers. By streamlining the communication process, Provider 680 allows caregivers to stay in touch with their patients and each other while maintaining a strong focus on providing quality patient care.

Contact: Jeron Electronic Systems, 1-800-621-1903.

Dementia database

The Ontario College of Family Physicians and the Physician Education Initiative of the Ontario Strategy for Alzheimer Disease and Related Dementias have recently launched a new website. Log on to www.dementiaeducation.ca for up-to-date information on dementia. The website offers dementia education, primarily for medical professionals, including curriculum material and continuing education programs.

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