

## Joining Forces For The Smallest Patient

STERIS Corporation and NeoForce Group, Inc. have agreed to jointly promote the world's first dedicated surgical system for term and preterm newborns. The new system includes a dedicated neonatal surgical table, customized visualization and integration technology, full procedural capabilities and enhanced connectivity to families and medical professionals outside the room.

The companies feel that in the unique environment of the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), it is better to locate the surgical environment near the babies rather than to try to adapt an adult OR suite into a mini NICU and transport a fragile newborn there. In 2008 NeoForce began working with the medical staff at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland to design a surgical table system that could address the unique needs and challenges surgeons face when performing surgery on the world's smallest patients.

STERIS was called into the project to integrate high-performance lighting, visualization and connectivity technologies with the table. The resulting collaboration led to a wholistic neonatal surgical solution.

"As we developed our Rainbow Flex™ Surgical Table, we had to assure that our designs would harmonize with the other devices in the OR. STERIS caught our attention with their superior lighting, integration and casework solutions," commented Otho Boone, President of NeoForce.

Bill O'Riordan, vice president and general manager of the Surgical Solutions business at STERIS, adds, "This collaboration will provide our customers with a single point of contact to help them create integrated solutions for this special patient population, from concept to delivery."

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