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Ecolab Introduces the FlexMount Point of Care Hand Sanitizer Dispenser for Use in Hospitals

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Ecolab Inc. today introduced the FlexMount dispenser, a new system that allows flexible, convenient placement of hand sanitizers closer to the patient.

FlexMount features an adjustable clamp that can attach to surfaces ranging from 3/4 - to 1 1/2 - inches in diameter. The clamp can also turn for mounting on horizontal or vertical surfaces in the patient's room including IV poles, bed rails, footboards, carts and other equipment.

"Use of hand sanitizers immediately prior to patient contact is an important factor for helping control bacteria on the skin," said Dr. Angela Dillow, Vice President of Infection Prevention's Marketing segment within Ecolab Healthcare. "Hands can easily become recontaminated when doctors and nurses touch surfaces within the patient room and then touch the patient. Hand sanitizers can help reduce the risk of cross contamination, especially in high risk areas such as the NICU or ICU."

With sales of $5.5 billion and more than 26,000 associates, Ecolab Inc. (NYSE: ECL) is the global leader in cleaning, sanitizing, food safety and infection prevention products and services. Ecolab delivers comprehensive programs and services to hospitality, foodservice, food and beverage processing, food retail and healthcare markets in more than 160 countries. More news and information is available at www.ecolab.com.

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