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New family of ventilators: Carina and Carina *home*

Lübeck (Germany), March 20, 2006 – At the 26th International Symposium on Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine in Brussels, Belgium, Dräger Medical presents the new Carina™ family of ventilators. Specifically designed for the environments of subacute care (e.g. high-dependency, step-down unit, LTAC), respiratory wards and home care, these advanced ventilators are intuitive to operate and compact in size.

The Carina™ family consists of two ventilators, Carina and Carina *home*. Each provides the same high-level ventilation performance, specifically tailored to the needs of the respective care environments. The treatment that started in the hospital with Carina in the more acute phase of the illness is easily continued in the home care environment with Carina *home*.

Both the Carina and Carina *home* include SyncPlus™, a technical breakthrough which enables the patient to really be “in sync” with the ventilator – even with mask ventilation. SyncPlus is a convenient, automated technology designed to precisely synchronize ventilation with spontaneous patient breathing. It enhances therapy responsiveness, thereby reducing the need for caregiver intervention.

With the introduction of Carina and Carina *home*, Dräger Medical further expands its comprehensive ventilation solutions for all areas of care from emergencies to critical care to the home environment, and supports the increasing use and importance of NIV (Non Invasive Ventilation).

Carina *home* is available for sales worldwide, except for USA and Canada, where the 510(k) review is pending.

Carina will be available approx. summer 2006 starting with Europe. The product will not be available commercially in the U.S. and Canada.

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