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Halo Monitoring® Announces Partnership with A&D Medical to Offer Wireless Health Monitoring at Home

Track all your health information from a simple web dashboard

*Optimally manage chronic illnesses such as hypertension
 and congestive heart failure (CHF)*

Huntsville, AL (December 23, 2009) - [Halo Monitoring, Inc.](#), makers of wireless healthcare technology, announce today a partnership with A&D Medical, enabling individuals to optimally manage their own health via the Internet or provide remote health monitoring of a loved one. The partnership extends the existing [myHalo web-based personal health monitoring system](#) by adding weight and blood pressure monitoring via a wireless Bluetooth connection.

myHalo subscribers can now take advantage of this enhanced offering by using A&D Medical Bluetooth-enabled health products. The first two devices supported, as part of the partnership, are the [A&D UC-321PBT Wireless Health Scale](#) and the [A&D UA-767PBT Wireless Blood Pressure Monitor](#). The myHalo Home Gateway connects to a standard phone line or to an Ethernet connection (when broadband is available in the home). Users only need to step on the scale or to take a blood pressure measurement from the device; the rest is automatic - health information is seamlessly and securely transmitted to the myHalo health server for viewing only by those individuals with authorized access. The combined system offers an economical solution for chronic disease management, such as congestive heart failure (CHF) and diabetes, or simply for general personal health monitoring at home.

This partnership is formed following the Veterans Health Administration [Care Coordination / Home Telehealth \(CCHT\)](#) report published in 2008. The study proved the efficacy of telehealth. In particular, the report demonstrated a reduction in hospitalization by roughly 25% (or as high as 40% in rural areas), and a program saving of nearly \$11,000 annually per patient. In recent years, a number of technologies have become available to help manage healthcare at home. The Continua Health Alliance, for example, is one organization dedicated to standardization of the way healthcare products and devices communicate with one another.

myHalo is the world's most advanced personal health monitoring and alert system for seniors. The myHalo system includes two options in wearability - a belt clip (*myHalo Clip*) or a wearable chest strap (*myHalo Complete*). Both offer the clear benefit of the world's most reliable, automatic fall detection technology which is able to detect when the user has fallen versus simply lying down. However, *myHalo Complete* also offers the ability to track key vitals and can be worn 24/7 -- even in the shower. In addition, *myHalo Complete* can detect when the user is wearing or not wearing the device - and can alert caregivers to the heightened risk when it is removed. By visiting the website, caregivers are able to visualize health and activity information and detect changes in health and routine. While authorized caregivers receive a text or phone alert in the event of a serious event, they can also check in on their loved one to confirm they are safe and well.

"We are excited about this new partnership with A&D Medical as it enhances the value to our users and their caregivers/families who can view the information on line. Statistically, the average senior over age 65 is managing two chronic illnesses. Users can now track their vital signs continuously such as heart rate, temperature and sleep patterns via our own wearable device, but can also combine other traditional health monitoring devices such as the A&D equipment," said Chris Otto, CEO of Halo Monitoring. "We selected A&D based on their years of proven commitment to quality and consumer friendly devices."

"The myHalo system offers seniors, as well as those with chronic illnesses, peace of mind in the comfort of their own home," said Brandon Katz, Product Manager at A&D Medical. "The myHalo system offers an intuitive, easy-to-use interface for elderly users to capture their health information to a permanent electronic file without requiring a home computer, lowering an adoption barrier."

Users can buy the new devices from a number of distributors or directly from Halo Monitoring. To learn more about Halo Monitoring and the partnership, please visit www.halomonitoring.com

About Halo Monitoring, Inc.

Headquartered in Huntsville, Ala., Halo Monitoring is a user-centric healthcare technology company focused on improving the quality of life for aging seniors and their caregivers. Halo's flagship product, myHalo, is an advanced personal health monitoring and alert system. Unlike traditional PERS (personal emergency response systems) devices which require seniors to manually press a "panic button," myHalo is a major step forward as it automatically detects serious health problems (such as a person falling) without requiring user participation and can immediately notify designated caregivers and emergency personnel. Halo's mission is to deliver novel and innovative solutions that help seniors maximize their independence, lower healthcare costs, and to remain at home longer. Website: <http://www.halomonitoring.com>

About A&D Medical, Inc.

A&D Medical is a division of A&D Engineering, and is ISO 13485:2003 certified. Since 1977, A&D Medical has been manufacturing and distributing a full line of advanced electronic blood pressure monitoring equipment and healthcare products for home and professional use. The company has established itself as a leader in home health monitoring technology through the development and introduction of unique products. A&D Medical offers leading telemedicine solutions for remote patient monitoring of heart disease and other chronic diseases through wired and Bluetooth® wireless systems for health system integrators. Website: <http://www.andmedical.com>.