

PRESS RELEASE

Business Unit Emergency

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In an emergency: Weinmann's medical devices and system solutions

Düsseldorf – Every single emergency is unique and therefore requires fast, flexible and customized assistance. Medical personnel need the best materials and equipment in order to provide the best possible care of emergency patients. The Hamburg-based medical technology company Weinmann offers reliable and easy-to-use devices and system solutions that can be adapted quickly for use in emergencies, rescue operations, disaster medicine and transport situations.

Among the best-known Weinmann products are the emergency ventilators in the MEDUMAT family, which have been available since 1972. The broad range of devices includes MEDUMAT Easy – the world's only ventilator with voice prompts – MEDUMAT Standard and Standard a (automatic ventilator for controlled and assisted ventilation) and this summer's newest addition, MEDUMAT Transport. In combination with the LIFE-BASE carrying system and additional modules for oxygen inhalation, suction and monitoring, the emergency devices can be adapted to suit all areas of application and satisfy the special requirements of any emergency situation. An indispensable tool in ventilation is the suction pump, which removes secretions from the patient's airways. Weinmann offers a variety of robust models, such as the ACCUVAC Rescue and the manually operated MANUVAC for varied uses.

Defibrillators for laypersons

Each year 130,000 people in Germany alone succumb to sudden cardiac death. Many of them could still be alive if their ventricular fibrillation had been treated quickly. Precious time is lost, however, before the arrival of a professional rescue team at the scene. That's where Automated External Defibrillators (AED) come in. Now widely available in public places, these devices can be used by laypersons who have had no special medical training. MEDUCORE Easy, Weinmann's small and compact AED, guides the first aid provider through the resuscitation process with spoken instructions. Operating errors are prevented and the patient's chances of survival are greatly improved.

Mobile Monitoring

At the scene of an emergency doctors or rescue personnel get important information about the patient's condition from measurements of blood oxygenation and carbon dioxide levels in exhaled air. For years Weinmann has been offering proven devices that deliver these critical data: the pulseoximeter OXYCOUNT

mini and *smartOx* and the capnometer CAPNOCOUNT mini. All are small and lightweight and, thanks to removable batteries, always ready for immediate use.

ULM CASE – the Classic

More than 30 years ago Weinmann developed the ULM CASE to organize and transport all the necessary material to the scene of an emergency. Today it's difficult to imagine rescue services without the ULM CASE, a highly organized system that has kept pace with technological changes in medicine throughout years of popular use. Among other things, the transport containers have been supplemented by the RESCUE-PACK series, which combines the toughness of a case with the ergonomic advantages of a backpack. A new addition to the product range is a RESCUE-PACK with an AED compartment (behind a clear plastic window) in which MEDUCORE Easy can be stored and transported with other emergency equipment.

Catastrophes and Disasters

In the event of mass casualties or in disaster areas, quickly erected treatment sites are often the only place where victims can be cared for. For this purpose Weinmann offers InflaTec Easy, a self-supporting air-chamber tent system with space for patient examination rooms and emergency treatment. Tents that form an entire hospital complete with operating rooms can be set up in no time at all. Weinmann also has plenty to offer for the "interior decoration" of the tents. Extensive experience in emergency medicine and rescue services makes the company the ideal contact when robust devices for ventilation and monitoring, suction and transport containers are needed for these areas of use.

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Background: Weinmann

Weinmann Geräte für Medizin GmbH + Co. KG concentrates on its product lines Homecare, Emergency and Diagnostics. In these areas the Hamburg-based family business offers diagnostic, therapeutic and also life-saving devices and system solutions of the highest quality. Today it is in the hands of the Griefahn and Feldhahn families and its headquarters have been located in Hamburg-Stellingen since 1977.

Today the company has about 550 employees. With more than 100 patent families and 90 trademarks, Weinmann is among the leading providers of medical devices for home care, diagnostics and emergency medicine in Germany. Sales in 2007 were 65.5 million Euros. Weinmann does business in more than 50 countries and operates branch offices in France, Switzerland, China, Russia, Australia and New Zealand.

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