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**METRO LAUNCHES NEXT-GENERATION NICKEL METAL HYDRIDE  
POWER SYSTEM FOR MOBILE COMPUTING WORKSTATIONS**  
*Upgraded solution part of Metro's industry-leading lineup of advanced power systems  
offering flexibility to support quality care*

**WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (March 10, 2011)** – Metro, a world leader in providing technology, storage and transport solutions for healthcare facilities, today announced the next-generation upgrade for its nickel metal hydride (NiMH) power system that offers enhanced performance and value to help healthcare facilities implement successful point-of-care computing programs.

NiMH power systems, pioneered by Metro, were the first advanced chemistries designed to provide a revolutionary combination of long runtimes, high energy capacity and low weight. Compared with traditional sealed lead acid (SLA) batteries, the next-generation NiMH system announced today offers:

- **Long runtimes** of 11 - 13 hours – more than adequate for an 8-hour shift.
- **Longer life-span**, providing 2,000 cycles – enough to be a true multi-year solution. Because the power system will last as long as the workstation's PC and other integrated technology, it can be replaced efficiently as part of an overall refresh of the unit's equipment. By comparison, SLA batteries will need to be replaced at least 6 – 7 times over a similar time span.
- **Lighter weight**, which makes it easier for clinical staff to maneuver mobile computing workstations over a full shift.

The upgraded NiMH power system is a key part of Metro's industry-leading lineup of advanced power solutions, including Lithium-Ion Nanophosphate (Li-Nano) and Lithium-Ion swappable systems. Learn more by downloading a free Metro white paper, titled "[Developing a Mobile Power Strategy to Support Quality Care.](#)"

"Advanced power systems are critical for helping our customers streamline workflow while supporting more energy-intensive technologies at the point of care," said Rob Sobie, vice president of healthcare marketing at Metro. "Our next-generation NiMH solution provides a combination of performance and value that builds on our long-standing industry leadership in offering innovative power solutions that are the foundation of a successful mobile computing program."

The NiMH batteries are backed by a two-year warranty. Metro DC mobile computing workstations are backed by a five-year coverage for mechanical components and two-year coverage on electrical components.

For more information on Metro and its diverse breadth of healthcare products, visit <http://www.metro.com>.

**About Metro**

For more than 80 years, Metro has been the world's leading manufacturer of technology, storage and transport products in commercial products, food service, healthcare and consumer products. Committed to understanding the needs of customers and channel partners, Metro provides complete solutions that optimize space, improve workflow and ensure overall safety. InterMetro (Metro) is a division of Emerson.

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