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Nellcor Grant to Baylor Research Institute Supports Development of Information System Aimed at Advancing Oxygen Therapy Monitoring Standards in NICUs

Nellcor announced today it awarded a grant to the Baylor Research Institute (BRI) in Dallas to support development of an information system that tracks oxygen saturation levels of neonates via pulse oximetry.



Photo caption (left to right): William Duncan, PhD, Baylor Research Institute; Jaclyn Fong, MPH, Baylor Institute of Health Care Research and Improvement; Cody Arnold, M.D., Baylor Research Institute; Robert St. John, Nellcor; Heather Klotz, Nellcor

Baylor researchers hope by creating a system to track oxygenation levels of neonates, it will help to prevent the occurrence of retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) — a disorder affecting premature newborns that can cause severe visual impairments or blindness. While several factors may contribute to developing ROP, some clinicians feel closer examination of current oxygenation standards could improve ROP outcomes.

"As clinicians, we already know to avoid saturation levels over 95 percent in high risk babies," said Cody Arnold, MD, epidemiologist and health services researcher at the Baylor Institute for

Healthcare Research and neonatologist at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas, who heads up the research team. "But by more closely evaluating those oxygenation levels with an information system like the Neonatal Oxygen Therapy Information System (NOTIS), we have an opportunity to safely increase the amount of time patients spend in the desired saturation range and, hopefully, reduce incidence of ROP."

When complete, the NOTIS system in development at BRI, will be available at no cost to any researcher or newborn intensive care unit (NICU) interested in studying oxygenation levels of premature infants in an effort to advance patient care.

Dr. Arnold said he approached Nellcor for financial support to develop NOTIS because Baylor Dallas uses Nellcor® pulse oximetry products in its NICU.

"We greatly appreciate Nellcor's financial support of this important academic program," Dr. Arnold said. "The company's contribution offered us more than monetary support. It was the first grant we received for NOTIS, thereby validating our

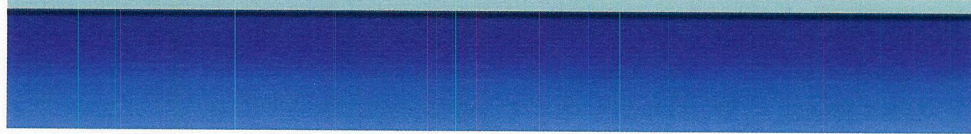
cause and making it easier to seek funding from other organizations."

"For Nellcor, supporting Dr. Arnold and the NOTIS project offered us an opportunity to get involved in a meaningful way to support important research efforts aimed at improving the care of newborns," said Robert St. John RN, RRT, director of Clinical Research for Nellcor. "We feel the development of NOTIS holds great promise as a tool for NICUs everywhere."

"Our grant for the Baylor Research Institute reflects our commitment and support for the research and clinical education efforts that help physicians and clinicians around the world as they seek advances in patient care," said Matthew J. Herwig, vice president of Nellcor Marketing.

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