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## CAREFUSION ANNOUNCES CONTRIBUTIONS TO SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH JAZZ FESTIVAL SERIES

*CareFusion Jazz Festival Series will help raise awareness of people and best practices that help make health care safer*

**SAN DIEGO, Sept. 15, 2009 — CareFusion Corp.** today announced that three patient safety organizations will receive contributions raised from the CareFusion Jazz Festival Series. The series was developed as part of CareFusion's launch as a new public company and will help raise awareness of people and best practices that help make health care safer.

The organizations were selected for their focus on addressing important issues affecting health care, including reducing medication errors and health care associated infections. The beneficiary organizations are:

- [Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation](#) (APSF), an organization whose mission is to continually improve the safety of patients during anesthesia care
- [Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology](#) (APIC), an organization dedicated to improving health and patient safety by reducing risks of infection and other adverse outcomes
- [Institute for Safe Medication Practices](#) (ISMP), an organization that helps prevent medication errors by educating the health care community and consumers about safe medication practices

Medication errors and infection prevention are two of the biggest challenges facing the medical industry. Every year, more than 400,000 patients suffer adverse drug events. Another 1.7 million patients acquire infections while hospitalized. And billions of dollars are spent (\$3.5B in the U.S., \$3B in Europe) to treat medication errors. Health care can and should be safer and more efficient. Accomplishing this is a top priority for everyone—hospitals, caregivers, patients and the government. In fact, many individuals and organizations such as APSF, APIC, and ISMP are pioneering new ways to ensure health care safety.

The CareFusion Jazz Festival Series is the core fundraising platform of the [CareFusion Rhythm of Care Safety Coalition](#), which was created to raise awareness of people and best practices that help make health care safer.

Recently, CareFusion created the [CareFusion Jazz Festival Series](#) to launch its new company, raise funds for worthy charities and increase awareness of patient safety.

Visit the [CareFusion Jazz Festival Series website \(http://www.carefusionjazz.com/\)](http://www.carefusionjazz.com/) to learn more about Rhythm of Care Safety Coalition, its partners and the CareFusion Jazz Festival Series.

### **About APSF**

Established in 1985 as an independent nonprofit corporation with a vision that "no patient shall be harmed by anesthesia," APSF seeks to improve the patient safety during anesthesia care by encouraging and conducting safety research/education and patient safety programs/campaigns, as well as promoting the exchange of ideas nationally and internationally. APSF works on both established tenets and new safety principals and pursues zero tolerance for patient injuries related to the perioperative period. The organization's activities have resulted in a culture of safety in anesthesia practice and the concomitant 10- to 20-fold reduction in mortality and catastrophic morbidity of patients undergoing routine anesthetics. For more information about APSF, visit <http://www.apsf.org/>.

### **About APIC**

Conceived in 1972 to provide an organized, systematic approach for controlling hospital-acquired infections, APIC's mission is to improve health and patient safety by reducing risks of infection and other adverse outcomes. The association's more than 12,000 members direct infection prevention programs that save lives and improve the bottom line for hospitals and other health care facilities around the globe. To promote a culture within health care where targeting zero health care-associated infections is fully embraced, APIC has created the "Targeting Zero" initiative to accelerate both learning and delivery of practical tools for infection preventionists. APIC advances its mission through education, research, collaboration, practice guidance, public policy and credentialing. Visit APIC online at <http://www.apic.org>. For consumer-related information, visit <http://www.preventinfection.org>.

### **About ISMP**

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is the nation's only nonprofit, charitable organization dedicated entirely to medication error prevention. ISMP provides independent recommendations for the safe use of medications to health care professionals, government agencies, accrediting organizations, the pharmaceutical industry and consumers. Its effective error prevention strategies, recognized and respected worldwide, are based on information gained through analysis of reports to a voluntary national program as well as onsite visits to individual health care organizations. ISMP is a federally certified patient safety organization (PSO), providing legal protection and confidentiality for patient safety data and error reports it receives. For more information or to make a donation to support ISMP's lifesaving work, visit [www.ismp.org](http://www.ismp.org).

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### **About CareFusion Corporation**

CareFusion (NYSE: CFN) is a global corporation serving the health care industry with products and services that help hospitals measurably improve the safety and quality of care. The company develops market-leading technologies including Alaris(R) IV pumps, Pyxis(R) automated dispensing and patient identification systems, AVEA(R) and Pulmonetic Systems ventilation and respiratory products, Chloraprep(R) and MedMined(TM) services for infection

prevention, neurological monitoring and diagnostic products, V. Mueller(R) surgical instruments, and an extensive line of products that support interventional medicine. CareFusion employs more than 15,000 people across its global operations. More information may be found at <http://www.carefusion.com/>.

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