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**STURDY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IMPLEMENTS
DETECTION SYSTEM FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PREVENTION
OF RETAINED SURGICAL ITEMS**

ATTLEBORO, MA, April 21—Sturdy Memorial Hospital has implemented the RF Assure™ Detection System, an advanced, sophisticated technology that supplements the Hospital's standard, strict protocols of manually counting surgical items for enhanced patient safety in all surgical suites.

This adjunct detection tool uses radio frequency to identify and prevent retained surgical items (RSI) such as surgical sponges, an issue that poses the risk of morbidity in patients. According to the NoThing Left Behind® campaign, an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 retained surgical item cases occur each year in the United States, happening on account of human error or during emergency “no time to count” procedures such as trauma cases.

“Sturdy Memorial Hospital is dedicated to providing the best possible care and safety to our patients,” says Chris Pouliot, RN, Operating Room Manager. “The RF Assure Detection System is an added tool to enhance patient safety and is in no way a substitute for diligent practices, but is another way to assure our patients of our commitment to positive patient outcomes.”

The RF Assure Detection System performs a complete mat scan with the push of a button and without disrupting the surgical field. Its hands-free scanning functionality minimizes workflow interference and reduces potential human errors. This system is the preferred solution in more than 1,000 operating rooms, trauma, and labor and delivery suits nationwide.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital is a full-service, independent, financially stable, not-for-profit acute care community hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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