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DASCO Home Medical Equipment Announces Joint Venture with Tampa General Hospital

Partnership Expands Access to High-Quality Home Medical Equipment for All Tampa Bay Area Patients

Tampa, FL (Sept. 24, 2024) – DASCO Home Medical Equipment, a leading provider of home medical equipment, has announced a joint venture with <u>Tampa General Hospital</u> (TGH) to enhance patient care by offering specialized medical equipment to not only TGH patients but all patients throughout the Tampa Bay area who require home medical equipment as part of their recovery and care.

"This partnership with Tampa General Hospital, a health care institution known for its exceptional care, will allow us to provide high-quality home medical equipment to patients across the entire Tampa Bay region," said Jason Seeley, President of DASCO. "Together, we are committed to ensuring that all patients in the area have timely access to the essential medical equipment they need for a smooth transition and recovery at home."

The joint venture, **TGH Home Medical Equipment powered by DASCO**, will focus on delivering respiratory equipment such as home oxygen, non-invasive ventilation and CPAP machines. It will also provide a range of durable medical equipment including walkers, wheelchairs and adjustable beds to meet the needs of patients across the region, ensuring comprehensive support for their care at home.

"This collaboration supports Tampa General's goal of expanding care beyond the hospital setting," said Elan Melamed, Vice President of Ambulatory Care Transitions for Tampa General Hospital. "By combining DASCO's expertise in home medical equipment with our dedication to high-quality patient care, we can improve outcomes and enhance the overall patient experience for all individuals in the Tampa Bay area," Melamed said.

ABOUT DASCO HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Founded in 1987, DASCO Home Medical Equipment is a family-owned, nationally recognized provider of home medical equipment, specializing in respiratory care and durable medical equipment. With over 30 locations across seven states, including Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Texas, and Florida, DASCO partners with hospitals and healthcare systems to improve patient outcomes and reduce healthcare costs. DASCO's mission, "a place where human beings thrive," drives its commitment to delivering exceptional service, quality care, and state-of-the-art equipment. For more information, visit www.godasco.com.

ABOUT TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Tampa General Hospital, a 981-bed, not-for-profit, academic health system, is one of the largest hospitals in America and delivers world-class care as the region's only center for Level I trauma and comprehensive burn care. Tampa General Hospital is the highest-ranked hospital in the market in <u>U.S. News & World Report's 2024-2025 Best Hospitals</u>, with two medical specialties ranking among the top 20 in the nation and eight medical specialties ranking among the top 50 best hospital programs in the United States. Tampa General Hospital has been designated as a model of excellence by the <u>2022 Fortune/Merative 100 Top Hospitals list.</u> The academic health system's commitment to growing and developing its team members is

recognized by three prestigious Forbes magazine rankings – in the top 100 nationally in the 2024 America's Best Large Employers, the top 50 in Florida in the 2024 America's Best Employers by State and the 2023 America's Best Employers for Women, Tampa General is the safety net hospital for the region, caring for everyone regardless of their ability to pay, and in fiscal year 2022, provided a net community benefit of approximately \$240.3 million in the form of health care for underinsured patients, community education, and financial support to community health organizations in Tampa Bay. It is one of the nation's busiest adult solid organ transplant centers and is the primary teaching hospital for the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine. With five medical helicopters, Tampa General Hospital transports critically injured or ill patients from 23 surrounding counties to receive the advanced care they need. Tampa General houses a nationally accredited comprehensive stroke center, and its 32-bed Neuroscience, Intensive Care Unit is the largest on the West Coast of Florida. It also is home to the Muma Children's Hospital at TGH, the Jennifer Leigh Muma 82-bed neonatal intensive care unit, and a nationally accredited rehabilitation center. Tampa General Hospital's footprint includes TGH North which is comprised of three hospitals and several outpatient locations in Citrus and Hernando counties, 17 Tampa General Medical Group Primary Care offices, TGH Family Care Center Kennedy, TGH Outpatient Center, TGH Virtual Health, and 21 TGH Imaging outpatient radiology centers throughout Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas and Palm Beach counties. Tampa Bay area residents also receive world-class care from the TGH Urgent Care powered by Fast Track network of clinics. To see a medical care professional live anytime, anywhere on a smartphone, tablet or computer, visit Virtual Health | Tampa General Hospital (tgh.org). As one of the largest hospitals in the country, Tampa General Hospital is the first in Florida to partner with GE Healthcare and open a clinical command center that provides real-time situational awareness to improve and better coordinate patient care at a lower cost. For more information, go to www.tgh.org.