

ZOLL Equips TORONTO 2015 Pan American/Parapan American Games with Defibrillators



ZOLL® Medical Corporation, a manufacturer of medical devices and related software solutions, has announced that as a "Proud Supporter" of the TORONTO 2015 Pan American and Parapan American Games, the company is equipping the international competitions with defibrillators in the event anyone attending or participating experiences a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA).

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Fifty-six <u>AED Plus®</u> units are available in public areas at the Games, and the clinical staff in the onsite emergency unit is equipped with three <u>X Series®Monitor/Defibrillators</u>. The Pan American Games, hosted by Toronto this year, are only surpassed in size and scope by the Olympic Summer Games and the Asian Games. The Pan American Games and the Parapan American Games, for athletes with physical disabilities, are held every four years in the year preceding the Olympic and Paralympic Summer Games.

Once a person is in cardiac arrest, it's a matter of life and death. The X Series will let the Games' physicians and nurses assess a patient's needs as soon as possible and wirelessly transmit critical information to a receiving hospital so clinicians are prepared when the patient arrives.

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"Planning, organizing and staging the Games is a true team effort, and we're grateful that ZOLL has joined our partner family as a Proud Supporter. Our partners are generously providing their products, services, expertise, and enthusiasm to make these the best Pan Am/Parapan Am Games ever," said Saäd Rafi, Chief Executive Officer of the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee. "It's truly inspiring to see so many people getting behind the Games and helping our region prepare to welcome the Americas for a summer to remember."

About Sudden Cardiac Arrest

SCA is an abrupt disruption of the heart's function, which causes a lack of blood flow to vital organs. It claims more than one million lives each year. SCA is the leading cause of unexpected death in the world and strikes without warning. Survival is poor at less than eight percent, but improvements in resuscitation practices could save as many as half of these victims.

About ZOLL Medical Corporation

ZOLL Medical Corporation, an Asahi Kasei Group company, develops and markets medical devices and software solutions that help advance emergency care and save lives, while increasing clinical and operational efficiencies. With products for defibrillation and monitoring, circulation and CPR feedback, data management, fluid resuscitation, therapeutic temperature management, and ventilation, ZOLL provides a comprehensive set of technologies that help clinicians, EMS and fire professionals, and lay rescuers treat victims needing resuscitation and acute critical care. For more information, visit www.zoll.com.

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