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PINC AI™ Applied Sciences (PAS) and Mölnlycke Health Care AB Clinical Trial Aims to Reduce Hospital-Acquired Infections (HAIs)

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Research will be conducted by health systems organized to perform leading-edge research using a unique combination of predictive technology and Big Data

CHARLOTTE, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- ThePINC AI™ Applied Sciences (PAS) team, a division of PINC AI, the technology and services platform of **Premier, Inc.** (NASDAQ: PINC), and Mölnlycke, a world-leading medical solutions company, today announced the initiation of a clinical trial to evaluate the value of hospital-wide patient bathing and the impact of specialized protocol training, education and compliance auditing on reducing hospital-acquired infections (HAIs).

This clinical trial will tap a subset of Premier's integrated and aligned provider network to test interventions. In addition, the trial will rely heavily on PINC AI's 20 years' worth of anonymized inpatient, outpatient, clinic and ambulatory data to assess the cost, quality and operational implications of change. In addition, PINC AI's clinical surveillance technology, **TheraDoc®** will be used to help identify, document, report and control HAIs.

"Our collaboration with Mölnlycke is hard proof that PAS has built a unique combination of aligned health system partners, predictive technology and deep measurement data, a winning combination enabling better, faster answers to key research questions," said Denise Juliano, Group Vice President, PAS. "Today, research shows that it can take up to 17 years before best practice becomes standard practice. PAS exists to dramatically cut that time back with innovative research solutions that enhance clinical performance and promote better, more equitable health outcomes."

This multi-center clinical trial will evaluate the rate of house-wide HAIs when introducing the use of a chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) house-wide bathing protocol coupled with a protocol compliance audit program against results from a CHG bath in the ICU only. CHG bathing in high-risk patients and settings has been the evidence-based standard for many years. The trial strives to produce timely evidence and determine whether a broader implementation of the protocol is effective for improved patient outcomes using real-world results.

HAIs have a direct effect on patient outcomes and mortality, costing healthcare systems \$9.8 **billion** dollars each year. HAIs are infections that weren't present at the time of admission and could have been acquired from other patients, hospital staff or the hospital facility. The risk is higher among patients in the intensive care unit (ICU), with one **point prevalence study** concluding that about 19.5 percent of patients in the ICU had at least one HAI.

HAIs are also a focus of several quality measure initiatives, including the hospital value-based purchasing and the hospital-acquired conditions (HAC) programs. In addition, the law requires the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to publicly post hospitals' performance on HAC quality measures. HAIs include, but are not limited to, central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI), catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI), surgical site infections (SSI), hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP), ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) and Clostridium difficile infections (CDI).

"We are excited about this collaboration to research the impact of house-wide bathing protocols on HAIs," said Dr. Tod Brindle, PhD, MSN, RN, CWCN, Global Surgical Medical Director, Mölnlycke. "This clinical trial represents the first step in developing protocols and compliance programs for use across hospitals and health systems to impact the incidence of HAIs. We are eager to review the evidence-based results and help improve outcomes."

Financial results from the partnership were not disclosed and are not projected to have a material impact on Premier's FY22 financial results.

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Mölnlycke employs around 7,500 people and is owned by Investor AB. The company headquarters are in Gothenburg, Sweden and operates in 90 countries worldwide. For more information, please visit www.molnlycke.com.

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