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Astarte Medical Receives Innovative Technology Contract from Vizient for NICUtrition® Neonatal Nutrition System

Contract awarded for products that bring improvement to health care industry

Yardley, PA – <u>Astarte Medical</u> announced its NICUtrition® platform has received an Innovative Technology contract from <u>Vizient, Inc.</u> the nation's largest provider-driven health care performance improvement company. The contract was awarded based on the recommendation of NICUtrition by hospital experts who serve on one of Vizient's memberled councils, and it signifies to Vizient members unique qualities that potentially bring improvement to the health care industry.

Innovative Technology contracts are recommended after review and interaction with products submitted through Vizient's Innovative Technology Program. Vizient customer-led councils identify technologies that have the potential to enhance clinical care, patient safety, health care worker safety or improve business operations of health care organizations.

NICUtrition is the first real-time, clinical decision support tool designed to monitor and analyze feeding and nutrition delivery in the neonatal intensive care unit in order to improve quality of care and achieve healthier outcomes for vulnerable patients. Astarte Medical has proven the linkage between technology that supports nutrition management and intervention and improved patient outcomes in the NICU.

"The future of effective and efficient neonatal care hinges on unlocking EMR data insights at critical moments in care," said Astarte Medical Chief Executive Officer Tracy Warren. "The contract with Vizient, a reputational anchor and market leader, enables increased access for hospitals around the country to realize the potential of nutrition decision support. It's an exciting time for our company, as we continue to invest in our platform and expand our impact in the vulnerable populations we serve."

"Congratulations to Astarte Medical for being awarded an Innovative Technology contract," said Kelly Flaharty, senior director of contract services for Vizient. "Our member council recommended NICUtrition for this contract based on its potential to make an incremental difference in health care."

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Vizient represents a diverse membership base that includes academic medical centers, pediatric facilities, community hospitals, integrated health delivery networks and non-acute health care providers and represents more than \$130 billion in annual purchasing volume. Through its Innovative Technology Program, Vizient works with member-led councils and task forces to evaluate products for their potential to bring real innovation to health care. Vizient may award a contract to products deemed worthy of the Innovative Technology designation outside of the competitive bid cycle.

About Astarte Medical

Astarte Medical is a clinical intelligence company providing digital solutions to support nutrition and feeding practices and protocol-driven care across pediatric populations. Its first product, NICUtrition® improves growth and clinical outcomes for preterm infants and impacts critical performance metrics for hospitals. Visit astartemedical.com and nicutrition.com for more information.

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