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The Leader in Healthcare Desktop Solutions, Key Source International, Launches KSI-1801 LinkSmart™ Keyboard Powered by San-a-Key® Software for Infection Prevention

The Only User-Defined Keyboard Monitoring System Designed to Aid in the Control of Cross Contamination

Oakland, CA (September 20, 2016) – At the 2016 Exchange Conference, to be held September 25–28, 2016 in Pittsburgh, PA and sponsored by Association for the Healthcare Environment, Key Source International will introduce the most innovative desktop solution for the prevention of cross contamination and the spread of germs and disease in the clinical environment.

The KSI San-a-Key® keyboard with LinkSmart™ patented technology.

There are nearly a hundred thousand hospital-acquired-infection-associated deaths in the United States each year – most are preventable with the right tools. **Conventional** computer keyboards, like the ones that come standard with your computer, are not the right tool for healthcare!

Now there is an **unconventional keyboard** that not only answers all the needs of infection pre-vention professionals, but takes the process of combatting harmful bacteria to a whole new level with user-defined software.

Electronic health records require that clinicians spend as much as 50% of their shift entering data. Just knowing that keyboard surfaces can be disinfected between use, by anyone, at any time, can give users incredible peace of mind. It also gives the professionals, whose task it is to reduce hospital acquired infections, the ability to monitor and control the spread of germs at this key point of transmission.

The unique part of the San-a-Key® LinkSmart™ System is its patented, real-time enterprise-managed analytics. This unprecedented combination of smart hardware, featuring the **LinkSmart™** keyboard and San-a-Key® software, linked smartly together, gives infection con-trol professionals the knowledge of who cleaned a particular keyboard and where, as well as when, throughout the entire facility. User-defined notifications are pushed to the desktop, indi-cating the keyboard is in need of disinfecting.

To disinfect the keyboard surface, just push the onboard cleaning button to immediately disen-gage the keyboard from the computer system. LEDs on the keyboard flash simultaneously, in-dicating cleaning mode and allowing the freedom to scrub, wipe and spray the surface without inputting errant data. An onscreen keyboard diagram shows the keys being cleaned, one by one. When disinfecting is complete, the screen displays a message that the keyboard has been disinfected and is ready for use!

The great feature of this product, unlike other, so-called washable keyboards, is there's no need to **ever** remove the LinkSmart™ keyboard from service to wash in a sink or dishwasher.

98% of all germs can be disinfected right at the desktop without downtime, without cable management issues, and most importantly, with the ability to have a healthy and clean typing surface anytime, anywhere!   The **LinkSmart™** keyboard also features backlit key tops with three levels of illumination, perfect for data entry where patient care requires a darken environment.

The **LinkSmart™** keyboard is the result of listening to customers and years of experience in the healthcare industry.

Years of work with urgent care centers, nursing homes, infection control professionals and front-line clinicians have gone into creating this unique product. "Our **LinkSmart™** keyboard system allows for more direct intervention and control of the cleanliness of one of the worst vector points for the spread of germs and cross contamination in the clinical setting," states Deanne VanKirk, **LinkSmart™** Product Manager.

By placing valuable analytic data in the right hands at the right time, the infection prevention team can be empowered to efficiently focus resources on emerging trends in hospital-acquired infections and multiple-drug resistant organisms that exist on keyboard surfaces. Our system provides for a central data collection point to manage the disinfecting of keyboard surfaces and the ability to set disinfecting kill times for identified strains that are particularly virulent, before the keyboard goes back into service.

Considering how big an issue preventable infections are in the healthcare field, using KSI San-a-Key® Healthcare Technology Analytics in combination with the **LinkSmart™** keyboard, infection prevention professionals now have another tool in their arsenal to get ahead of and manage cross contamination at the clinical desktop.

Key Source International – a global company headquartered in Oakland, California – has been delivering high-end hardware and software technology solutions for more than 35 years. Healthcare partners include Imprivata, Caradigm, HealthCast, Epic and CDW Healthcare. KSI, along with our partners, offer secure, compliant and scalable solutions that are compatible with HIPAA and DEA ePrescribe. KSI is also proficient in retail automation, banking, and telecommunications involving password replacement using biometrics, near field communication, contact-less smart cards and legacy HID badges. KSI's focus has always been on enhancing the user experience, securing the desktop, and meeting rigorous government regulations with total customer satisfaction.

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