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## Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and I.V. House®: A Good Investment in Patient Care

The Lucile Packard Children's Hospital (LPCH) at Stanford University Medical Center is designed to accelerate the healing process. Built in a circular plan around a central courtyard, the 264-bed hospital offers 27 gardens and outdoor play areas to help bring the healing power of nature inside—even during hospitalization. In addition to this nurturing environment, LPCH's internationally recognized programs have earned it a reputation for excellence in delivering family-centered care. That's why the decision to secure and protect patient IVs with products from I.V. House, Inc. underscored the hospital's reputation for attention to every aspect of patient comfort and safety.

"I.V. House is such a great innovation and it makes such a huge difference in patient comfort. We see the need—and the impact—at the patient bedside," says Medie Jesena, RN, MS, CPNP, and member of the Vascular Access Team at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

While the nurses at LPCH have enthusiastically embraced I.V. House, they're not alone. "We actually have patients clamoring for I.V. House UltraDressing®," says Jesena. "Some of our chronically ill patients are in and out of the hospital. They ask for I.V. House UltraDressing every admission because they know how well it has worked for them."

Patients notice the added comfort and protection that I.V. House offers, but nurses realize other important benefits as well. "Our hospital policy requires nurses to check IVs every hour," says Jesena. "If you're securing an IV with tape, it's very hard to do this without waking patients at night or interrupting them when they are playing. With I.V. House UltraDressing you have great visibility and access. It really makes such a difference."

And there are other factors to consider.

"In pediatrics, when we insert a peripheral IV, we have to prep the child, numb the site, distract the patient to help them cope. And, if they can't cope, we may have to have two additional staff to keep the child still for the IV insertion. This whole process can take two hours. That's a huge cost, but it's more than that. We're seeing a build up of stressful events for our patients...and eventually they become unmanageable when they need an IV."

And once an IV is in place, other factors make I.V. House UltraDressing a good investment, according to Jesena. "When you see skin breakdown, infiltration, phlebitis, dependent edema from over-taping, or other complications from IVs, you know that it's crucial to assess and address problems as quickly as possible. That's hard to do when an IV is under layers of dressings. But with I.V. House, you can monitor problems at an earlier stage. (continued)



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And these problems are not just aesthetic. Neonates can have long-term effects from IV complications. The cost of I.V. House UltraDressing devices is negligible when you consider that you can observe complications earlier and prevent their worsening.”

Jesena and other members of the Vascular Access Team assist patients and staff with IV therapy. They also conduct classes for nurses and medical residents at the hospital.

“I see health care professionals who are so focused on IV insertion. But I tell them that’s just half the story. IV securement is just as important—maybe even more so. Empowering nurses and doctors to secure IVs helps make them better advocates for their patients. And that’s the primary concern – for all of us.”

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