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**Allied Services Rehabilitation Hospital To Offer
Latest in Stroke and Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Technology**

(SCRANTON) -- Allied Services Rehabilitation Hospital (ASRH) has announced a new relationship with Bioness, Inc. of Santa Clarita, California, which will make ASRH the first rehabilitation provider in Pennsylvania to make a new technology available for patients who have experienced a stroke or spinal-cord injury.

The technology is known as the NESS H200™ Neuroprosthetic and Rehabilitation System (H200). It is an external prosthetic, similar to a splint that's worn on the arm. It uses surface electrodes to stimulate and activate hand muscles, which have been affected by stroke or injury. In so doing, it combines and accelerates the traditional steps in upper extremity rehabilitation to improve upper limb function, reduce complaints and intensify therapy.

“This therapy has the potential to redefine post-stroke or injury therapy by moving patients further along the rehabilitation curve, and more quickly,” said Dr. Michael Wolk, ASRH Medical Director.

In addition to activating a paralyzed hand with the H200, a patient can practice grasping and releasing objects and can even perform activities of daily living, all with the goal of increasing functional use of the hand over time.

“Human beings have an amazing potential for recovery from catastrophic events like stroke and spinal cord injury, and we're very proud to support the work of the people at Allied Hospital in facilitating that recovery to a higher degree than is now being achieved,” said Yitzhak Zilberman, President and Chief Executive of Bioness Inc.

Under the new relationship, ASRH will become a partner facility with Bioness to provide H200 therapy for patients. Bioness will provide the technology as well as training and ongoing support for ASRH staff.

“With stroke being the number one cause of disability in the U.S., the H200 provides a treatment option which patients can benefit from in the acute care (hospital) setting and at home.” Neil Dorfman, Bioness Business Development Representative said.

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The NESS H200 is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on. Bioness is now working with health insurers to seek coverage for the product, which benefits patients most when used soon after the stroke, and which provides benefits when used by patients after they leave the hospital.

The Allied Services Rehabilitation Hospital has helped over 32,000 people who have experienced a stroke or other central nervous system disorders regain their independence. ASRH is the only licensed acute rehabilitation hospital in the Scranton health care market, providing the most comprehensive physical and medical rehabilitation services in the area to help people to regain their independence. ASRH with the NESS H200 system can further assist many people with regaining their independence through the inpatient rehabilitation stroke and neurological programs and continue through outpatient rehabilitation services upon returning home at one of the convenient ASRH outpatient rehabilitation centers.

Bioness, Inc. is dedicated to providing the innovative tools, technology and compassion to elevate patients to new levels of independence and productivity. The company was founded by renowned innovator Alfred Mann; the Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research and Ness Ltd., a privately held company which develops and manufactures innovative neuroprosthetic and rehabilitation systems.

To learn more about the use of the NESS H200™ by Allied Services Rehabilitation Hospital and who is a candidate, please contact Drew Robertson, (570) 341-4664. To learn more about Bioness Inc. or the Ness H200, please visit www.bionessinc.com.

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