MENTOR, OHIO – March 20, 2013 – A surgical table is a workhorse, and a critical mainstay of every operating room. It must meet the many needs of the patients and professionals who interact with it during each surgical or therapeutic case. As a result, a surgical table must be more than a product – it must provide a thorough solution that serves patients by enabling optimal positioning and outcomes, protecting surgeons and staff from the risk of strain or injury, and improving efficiency and productivity for the healthcare provider.

“STERIS surgical tables have historically served as the gold standard of surgical platforms throughout the United States,” comments Chris Labedz, product manager, STERIS Surgical Solutions. “Building on that standard, we continue to innovate by listening to the feedback of our Customers. In this case, the clinical needs of orthopedic surgeons, patients and staff, and the efficiency and productivity demands placed on surgical departments were the focus for a unique platform that can make a significant difference in daily orthopedic workflow.”

One of the most remarkable innovations of the STERIS OT 1000 Orthopedic Surgical Tables is their intelligent SWAN technology, a unique buoyant articulation capability that allows virtually effortless movement of the patient for anterior approach total hip arthroplasty (AATHA), fracture reduction and many other orthopedic procedures. Slide, traction and rotation of the boot are controlled with one hand, and fluid movement of the leg spar is managed by the other hand. This allows full gross and fine traction positioning and a full range of motion without interference from the equipment. In addition, special features enhance the access of anesthesiologists, surgeons and staff to their patients during surgery. By facilitating precise
patient positioning for access at every point, the STERIS OT1000 tables allow every OR professional to be where they are needed for optimal outcomes.

The imaging capabilities of these new orthopedic surgical tables are also extraordinary. The tables are designed to optimize a full range of images, from mid-abdomen to distal lower extremities; and to provide C-arm access for supine, prone and lateral positions. In addition, a free-floating clamp allows the traction device to be aligned with the spar to provide more unrestricted imaging angles. The radiolucent spars minimize interference, but can also be positioned out of the imaging area if needed. The table’s lateral translation function that shifts patients away from the table core also helps improve imaging results.

Surgical tables must be positioned, returned to level, and moved for each surgical case and for room turnover, which requires time and staff effort. Innovation that can streamline this process is an advantage in the OR. In the case of the OT 1000 Series tables, there are several innovative features that help improve efficiency. One is the intuitive and ergonomic table controls, which are designed for safe, easy, fast, precise and repeatable orthopedic positioning and table movement. An illuminated data-rich hand control allows touch pad activation of numerous functions such as floor locks, Trendelenburg, height, tilt, level and stop patient positioning, and lateral slide and femur control. The 1100 and 1200 models of the OT 1000 series tables also include a powerful drive function that enables a single user to quickly and easily maneuver the table throughout perioperative areas. This can help ease scheduling challenges and streamline room turnover.

The OT 1000 Series tables are also designed for the optimal safety of the patient and surgical staff. In addition to the ergonomic advantages of the SWAN technology, these tables also have a quick release mechanism on the boot, headrest and lateral slide. An integrated safety lock protects patients from unintended movements, because the spars automatically stop when the button and/or lever are released.

The new STERIS OT 1000 Series Orthopedic Surgical Tables mark a groundbreaking, but highly practical leap forward for perioperative departments. In addition to their many procedural, imaging and productivity benefits, they accommodate a wide range of patients, from
children to seven-foot adults. They are also compatible with most STERIS and AMSCO®
surgical table accessories a facility might already own. For additional details, please visit

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