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**AMIGO® INSULIN PUMP DESIGNED SO “LIFE HAS NO LIMITS”**  
*“Smart” pump improves quality of life for people with diabetes*

**MIRAMAR, Fla. – August 8, 2005** – Nipro Diabetes Systems introduces its Amigo® Insulin Pump to help keep blood glucose in control for children and adults with types 1 and 2 diabetes. Built for safety, reliability, accuracy and durability, the Amigo Insulin Pump features computer-like help screens for easy programming. Dedicated to supporting the ever-changing treatment of diabetes, the Amigo was designed by people who live with diabetes along with a group of healthcare professionals who specialize in the chronic disease.

Since the results of the Diabetes Control and Complications Trial were released in 1993, it has been well known that maintaining good blood glucose control reduces the chances for diabetes complications by more than 50%. Because insulin pumps can be adjusted to the patient’s individual insulin needs, they are, to date, the most effective means to achieve blood glucose control. The American Diabetes Association estimates that there are currently 18.2 million Americans with diabetes. Of this amount, Nipro Diabetes Systems estimates that up to 25% could benefit from pump therapy.

“We’re pleased to provide the healthcare community and their diabetes patients with the Amigo,” stated Clarence Odom III, General Manager at Nipro Diabetes Systems. “This insulin pump has truly been designed with the patient in mind - from the accuracy to the ease of use to the safety, coupled with our 24-hour clinical support by Certified Diabetes Educators, seven days a week.”

**Life has no limits**

The Amigo Insulin Pump mimics the pancreas by consistently delivering basal insulin throughout the day and night and allowing the wearer to program bolus insulin whenever needed. It utilizes rapid-acting insulin that is very similar to the insulin produced by the human pancreas. The Amigo is also a “smart” pump because it is capable of calculating bolus insulin for food and high blood glucose readings through parameters prescribed by the physician and stored in the pump.

“Amigo gives people with diabetes freedom allowing them to take control instead of being controlled by this chronic disease,” said Odom.

Similar to a computer, the Amigo features wizards to walk the wearer through pump-programming sequences and on-screen help messages.

Other benefits include:

- Offers four basal profiles with up to 48 basal rates in a 24-hour period and a temporary profile that can be set in either units per hour or a percentage of the current basal profile.
- Delivers insulin every three or 15 minutes in as little as five hundredths of a unit.

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- Bolus delivery options of Normal, Extended and Layered; and a Direct Bolus for delivering insulin through clothing without looking at the pump.
- Bolus Estimator – Wearers enter information about their current blood glucose and the food they are eating and the Amigo calculates the bolus for food and high blood glucose correction so no manual calculation is needed.
- Housed in a shatter, resistant, waterproof case.
- Syringe cap with 90% infusion-set connector so it lies flatter and has no point sticking out to catch on skin or clothing.
- Safety features - Offers several user-programmed settings that notify users when insulin is low, reminding them when to test blood glucose and when they have exceeded hourly insulin delivery quotas.
- Six fashionable colors.

### **Well-built product with strong support**

Nipro Diabetes Systems offers a full spectrum of support to healthcare providers and their patients considering insulin pump therapy. Nipro's Certified Diabetes Educators provide education in carbohydrate counting and insulin correction. The company's certified pump trainers are available to train the patient on both the technical aspects and clinical considerations of the pump, seven days a week.

Odom said, "Unique to Nipro, we have Certified Diabetes Educators available 24/7 to personally answer any questions."

### **Supports Kids on the GO Foundation**

A portion of every Amigo sale is donated to the Kids on the GO Foundation that is dedicated to bringing lower income children and their families together with kid-focused diabetes events. The funds will be utilized to help cover the transportation and attendance costs to these diabetes conferences and camps. An individual or company may also make a tax-deductible contribution simply by contacting Nipro Diabetes Systems.

For additional information on the Amigo Insulin Pump call toll-free 1-888-651-PUMP or log-on to [www.niprodiabetes.com](http://www.niprodiabetes.com).

### **About Nipro Diabetes Systems**

With offices in Miramar, Fla., Nipro Diabetes Systems ([www.niprodiabetes.com](http://www.niprodiabetes.com)) manufactures the Amigo Insulin Pump in the U.S. and distributes other diabetes supply products through [www.niprostore.com](http://www.niprostore.com). Its parent company, Nipro Corporation, is a multi-billion dollar company headquartered in Osaka, Japan that has been a leader in the healthcare field since 1954.

Nipro Diabetes Systems provides extensive insulin pump training and education through Certified Diabetes Educators, 24 hours a day. The company is committed to supporting people with diabetes by developing and marketing high-quality, safe and effective products that enhance its customers' lives.

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