

Kimberly-Clark Awarded New Premier Healthcare Alliance Contract For Surgical Packs And Gowns

ROSWELL, Ga., Oct. 9, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- [Kimberly-Clark](#) today announced it signed a three-year agreement with Premier, a nationwide healthcare alliance, to supply surgical gowns and packs, both sterile and non-sterile. With this agreement, nearly 2,900 hospitals and 100,000 alternate sites affiliated with Premier will have access to the highest quality surgical products.

"This recognition from Premier acknowledges Kimberly-Clark's long-term investment in the surgical space and our ability to produce and deliver high-quality products and services to our customers," said Joanne Bauer, President, Kimberly-Clark Health Care. "We are thrilled to be recognized and valued by the Premier membership and are confident that members will benefit from our full range of products, designed to enhance clinician and patient safety."

The contract between Premier and Kimberly-Clark is effective January 1, 2014.

About the Premier healthcare alliance, Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient

Premier is one of the nation's largest performance improvement alliances of approximately 2,900 U.S. community hospitals and 100,000 alternate sites using the power of collaboration and technology to help lead the transformation to coordinated, high-quality, cost-effective care. Owned by healthcare providers, Premier operates a leading purchasing network and also maintains clinical, financial and outcomes databases based on 1 in every 4 U.S. hospital discharges. A leader in measurably improving patient care, Premier has one of the largest performance improvement collaboratives in America, including one in partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Premier also has an office in Washington. <https://www.premierinc.com>.

About Kimberly-Clark

Kimberly-Clark Corp. (NYSE: KMB) and its well-known global brands are an indispensable part of life for people in more than 175 countries. Every day, nearly a quarter of the world's population trust K-C's brands and the solutions they provide to enhance their health, hygiene and well-being. With brands such as Kleenex, Scott, Huggies, Pull-Ups, Kotex and Depend, Kimberly-Clark holds the No. 1 or No. 2 share position in more than 80 countries. To keep up with the latest K-C news and to learn more about the Company's 141-year history of innovation, visit www.kimberly-clark.com or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Kimberly-Clark in the Healthcare Environment

Around the world, medical professionals turn to Kimberly-Clark for a wide portfolio of solutions that improve the health, hygiene and well-being of their patients and staff. As part of their healing mission, caregivers rely on Kimberly-Clark to deliver clinical solutions, hygiene & cleaning offerings, and educational resources that they can depend on to prevent, diagnose and manage a wide variety of healthcare-associated infections. A global enterprise of more than \$1 billion, Kimberly-Clark Health Care holds the No. 1 or No. 2 market share position in several categories, including infection control solutions, surgical solutions, pain management, hygiene

solutions, digestive health and respiratory health. And throughout the care continuum, patients and staff alike trust Kimberly-Clark medical supplies and devices, KLEENEX tissues, KLEENEX & SCOTT skin care products and SCOTT towels for day-to-day needs. For more information, visit <http://www.kchealthcare.com> and <http://www.kcprofessional.com>.

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