



# Hugs®

Infant Protection

## Hugs News

*A newsletter on infant protection*

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## Kisses provides an extra layer of security

**Methodist Sugar Land finds Kisses a valuable support to matching ID bands**

**W**hen it came time to replace an outmoded first-generation infant protection system, Methodist Sugar Land Hospital, in Sugar Land, Texas, wanted to make sure it had the best solution for its patients.

Mona Seele, Director of Perinatal Services and her colleagues in the Birthing Center undertook a thorough review of the options available for infant protection, and invited a number of companies to present their solution.

In the end, the hospital chose the Hugs® system because of its superior security. “We felt that Hugs was the best system to protect our babies,” says Ms. Seele.

An important part of the decision to go with Hugs was the availability of the Kisses® mother/infant matching option, which provides automatic and audible matching of mother and baby (see page 2 for a full overview of Kisses).

The hospital of course continues to use the system of matching ID bands, but Kisses appealed as another way to provide security to both mother and infant. “It just reinforces that we’re careful and that we really want to make this hospital the safest and best place for mom and baby,” says Ms. Seele.

It is reassuring for family, too. “It’s added security for the parents. They can rest assured that their baby is always safe.”

Methodist Sugar Land Hospital is a part of The Methodist Hospital System, which has a long history of leadership in healthcare in its home of Houston, and internationally. Opened in 1998, Methodist Sugar Land Hospital completed a major expansion project last year to accommodate the residents of Fort Bend County and other counties in the Houston region. The hospital’s Hugs system was installed by authorized dealer AudioLink Technologies.



**Methodist Sugar Land Hospital**

The Birthing Center includes a Level IIB NICU that cares from premature babies born at 32 weeks or later. Where possible, the infants in the NICU are also banded with Hugs. Only when the infant’s condition makes that impossible is she or he not banded.

The nursing staff of the hospital have come to appreciate the Hugs system, and enjoy explaining to family members the extra layer of protection provided by Kisses, says Ms. Seele. Just as important, they know that it is helping them provide better care. “They appreciate that it’s a backup for identification.” ■

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