



Vygon Group joins forces with EFCNI for 11th World Prematurity Day

Vygon, bronze partner of the European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI), organizes a number of awareness activities to coincide with the event, in hospitals worldwide

Écouen, France, November 12, 2019 - Vygon Group, a specialist single-use medical devices group, is organizing a number of awareness events in hospitals worldwide for World Prematurity Day on November 17. Vygon is renewing its bronze partnership with EFCNI for the fifth time, with an enhanced program and increased involvement. Several initiatives will be introduced on this year's chosen theme, 'Born too soon: providing the right care, at the right time, in the right place'.

Prematurity is a worldwide issue; one of the main risk factors for morbidity and mortality in the newborn population. Fifteen million babies are born prematurely each year.

"Our teams have joined forces throughout the world to make World Prematurity Day an awareness event and an opportunity for parents and nursing staff to share," said Stéphane Regnault, CEO of Vygon. "It is essential that we develop medical devices especially for the most vulnerable newborn infants, working hand in hand with specialist physicians to provide these babies with the best possible conditions for their development. For this reason we recently launched Surfath, a catheter designed especially for premature babies with Respiratory Distress Syndrome. Similarly, our Nutrisafe2 secure enteral feeding system caters for the high-precision dosing needs of premature babies, preventing connection errors."

Since 2008, the European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI) and associations of parents of premature infants have organized awareness initiatives to coincide with World Prematurity Day. EFCNI is the first pan-European organization to represent the interests of premature and newborn babies and their families. Its members are parents, healthcare specialists from various disciplines and scientists, who all share the aim of improving the long-term health of premature and newborn infants. Its vision is to ensure the best start in life for all babies. EFCNI's efforts aim to reduce the rate of premature birth, ensure the best possible treatment and care, and standardize the care of newborn infants in all European countries.

Vygon's specialist neonatology teams in Europe actively contribute to this awareness day by taking part in a variety of local initiatives in hospitals. For example, a competition held in Benelux will reward the best photo report on the theme of 'A day in the life of a nurse'.

There is worldwide involvement, featuring Vygon subsidiaries and distributors in Australia, Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Brunei, Cambodia, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam and elsewhere.

To follow the World Prematurity Day initiatives on November 17:

- EFCNI: <https://twitter.com/EFCNIwecare> / <https://www.facebook.com/efcni>
- Vygon: <https://twitter.com/VygonGroup> / <https://www.instagram.com/vygongroup>

About EFCNI

The history of EFCNI starts with the very personal experience of Silke Mader, who lost one of her twins in 1997 after they were born prematurely. In the wake of this tragedy, Silke joined a local association for parents of premature babies. After becoming chair of the national association some years later, she founded EFCNI with neonatologists and other parents affected by preterm birth, to take the fight for preterm infants and their families to the European stage. November 2008 marked the start of a pan-European collaboration, with 25 representatives from 18 countries coming together to discuss what they could do to achieve their common goals. Since it was founded in 2008, EFCNI has grown into a world-renowned organization that advocates for premature infants, sick newborns and their parents. It has the support of a network of some 70 national parents' associations and many professional organizations and societies throughout the world.

www.efcni.org

About Vygon Group

Vygon designs, manufactures and markets high-tech single-use medical devices for healthcare professionals in hospital and for private and independent practitioners. Vygon is a world leader within this industry, offering a wide range of products in a number of clinical specialties. Organized in five business units (Intensive Care – Obstetrics Neonatology Enteral – Intravascular Therapies – Cardiovascular & Surgery – Anesthesia & Emergency), Vygon combines local and international in-depth expertise and know-how in each individual field. With expertise right along the value chain, from product design to the delivery of training for medical personnel, Vygon provides health care professionals with effective and innovative products tailored to their needs and those of their patients, for optimum use and safety.

The company distributes over 205 million products a year in more than 120 countries through its network of 26 subsidiaries and 331 distributors. Vygon products display the CE and/or FDA mark and are manufactured in the group's eight factories in Europe, the USA and Colombia.

A family company founded in 1962, Vygon is based in Ecoeur, in France's Greater Paris region. It is a mid-sized business employing 2,350 staff worldwide. The turnover in 2018 was €323 million (\$365M), with 81% of this derived from Vygon's international business.

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