Decision to Discontinue Providing Abbott Products

In September 2025, Nihon Kohden decided to terminate the distribution partnership agreement with Abbott Medical Japan LLC on the expiration date of December 31, 2026, with the consent of both companies. Nihon Kohden has worked on introduction, sales, and after-sales service of Abbott products in Japan for the past 38 years. After reviewing the Company's business portfolio as part of its transformation into a global company creating high added value to realize its Long-term Vision toward 2030, the Company made this decision, because the decline in profitability of Abbott products was an issue. From October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026, Nihon Kohden will transfer its sales and after-sales service operations to Abbott in a phased manner. Nihon Kohden will discontinue providing all Abbott products on December 31, 2026.
In line with this matter, the Company implemented the Career Change Support Program for employees engaged in the Company's Abbott business as well as the Next Career Support Program for employees above a certain age in Japan, beginning in December 2025. A total of 152 employees participated in these programs.
Going forward, Nihon Kohden will further focus on providing its in-house products, consumables, and services. The Company also aims to achieve medium- to long-term growth in domestic business by strengthening its sales capabilities in growth areas such as ventilators and digital health solutions (DHS).



EP catheter



Ablation catheter



Pacemaker

DOWELL Co., Ltd. Becomes a Consolidated Subsidiary

In February 2026, Nihon Kohden acquired the shares of DOWELL Co., Ltd., making it a consolidated subsidiary. The Company aims to create a better future for people and healthcare by solving global medical issues in its Long-term Vision, BEACON 2030. In its Value Creation Compass toward 2030, Nihon Kohden also aims at value creation from data gathered through clinical sites and strives to develop a data integration platform and pioneer algorithms to create new value from information. Over the years, DOWELL has continued R&D and sales of IT systems to support operations in operating rooms and examination rooms, resulting in gaining a high reputation and market share in Japan.
Since its founding in 1996, DOWELL has been deeply rooted in medical practice and has continued R&D and sales of IT systems to support medical staff such as physicians and nurses. They have gained an excellent reputation through supporting operations in Japanese operating rooms, where advanced IT systems are in use. There is a high affinity between DOWELL's IT systems and the Company's Solution Business (ITS+DHS)*, and the Company expects that leveraging the strengths of both companies will lead to the generation of new value within the field of medical practice.
By delivering IT solutions that support enhanced data usage and greater operational efficiency in medical practice, both Nihon Kohden and DOWELL will contribute to enhancing the quality and economics of medical care. Nihon Kohden aims to enhance its corporate value and solve medical and social issues through developing next-generation perioperative solutions by combining both companies' original technologies and clinical expertise cultivated over the years with advanced technologies.

* ITS: IT Solution, DHS: Digital Health Solution.

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