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### **Tri-anim Signs New Specialty Distribution Agreement with Premier**

Sylmar, CA (November 3, 2008) --- Tri-anim Health Services, Inc., the nation's largest provider of specialty sales and distribution solutions for healthcare, today announced it recently signed an agreement with Premier, which serves more than 2,000 U.S. hospitals and 53,000-plus other healthcare sites, for specialty distribution of respiratory therapy and anesthesia products.

"We are very proud to be chosen once more by Premier as a specialty distributor." said Dale Clendon, Vice President of Sales and Marketing of Tri-anim. "This agreement reflects the quality of our products and our employees' determination to provide hospitals, long-term care facilities, surgery centers and nursing homes with superior products and service. Tri-anim looks forward to continuing to provide Premier Members with new technologies and excellent customer service for many years to come." continued Mr. Clendon.

#### **About Tri-anim**

For more than 30 years Tri-anim, part of Sarnova, has met the needs and exceeded the expectations of providers throughout the healthcare continuum, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, surgery centers and nursing homes. All in-stock orders received - until 5 pm - are shipped the same day from one of 13 distribution centers nationwide.

Tri-anim with approximately 350 employees is an industry leader providing e-commerce solutions enabling customers a faster and more efficient procurement method for purchasing medical products. The e-Quick<sup>®</sup> System, a proprietary patent pending technology, allows customers to place a five-line order in less than 45 seconds. For more information go to [www.Tri-anim.com](http://www.Tri-anim.com)

#### **About Premier Inc., 2006 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient**

Serving more than 2,000 U.S. hospitals and 53,000-plus other healthcare sites, the Premier healthcare alliance and its members are transforming healthcare together. Owned by not-for-profit hospitals, Premier operates one of the leading healthcare purchasing networks and the nation's most comprehensive repository of hospital clinical and financial information. A subsidiary operates one of the nation's largest policy-holder owned, hospital professional liability risk-retention groups. A world leader in helping healthcare providers deliver dramatic improvements in care, Premier is working with the United Kingdom's National Health Service North West and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to improve hospital performance. Headquartered in San Diego, Premier has offices in Charlotte, N.C., Philadelphia and Washington. For more information, visit [www.premierinc.com](http://www.premierinc.com).