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## HyGreen Called to Washington to Share Solution for Hospital Acquired Infections

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*CEO Davenport Delivers Message to House Veterans' Affairs Committee: HyGreen is Proven to Save Lives and Reduce Costs: We Stand Ready to Help*

GAINESVILLE, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE )-- On Tuesday morning, [Craig T. Davenport](#) , CEO of [HyGreen Inc](#) [3]., addressed a roundtable meeting of the [House Veterans Affairs' Committee's](#) Health Subcommittee entitled "Innovative Private Sector Technologies to Improve Patient Safety." Representing one of only six companies addressing the committee at the invitation of Chairwoman [Ann Marie Buerkle](#), Davenport shared the successes achieved by hospitals adopting the HyGreen system, including an 89% drop in Hospital Acquired Infections (HAIs) at [Miami Children's Hospital](#). "Helping hospital patients receive the optimal care possible is the best part of my job," said Davenport. "Seeing HyGreen used to improve the care for *this* group of patients--our country's veterans, is an honor."



HyGreen CEO Craig T. Davenport, Rep. Cliff Stearns, HyGreen VP Steven Gold

In addition to HyGreen, the Committee invited representatives from the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) and several Veterans Service Organizations, including [AmVets Disabled](#), [American Veterans](#), [American Legion](#) and [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#). This group of stakeholders was brought together for their ability to help address HAIs--an issue that affects one out of every 20 patients, leading to prolonged recovery, unnecessary health care costs, and in some cases, death. Studies have shown the most effective way to prevent these dangerous infections is through good hand washing practices, yet compliance with these practices among health care workers is [somewhere below 40%](#). When asked why such a simple practice isn't followed, Davenport replied: "Given the complexity, stress, chaotic and difficult circumstances of today's environment for healthcare workers they need our help doing what they know they

should be doing. That's where HyGreen stands out. It [reminds busy healthcare workers to wash](#) before coming into contact with a patient and documents when a healthcare worker does or does not wash. We are

currently in discussions with over 35 [VA Medical Centers](#) about bringing HyGreen to their facilities to improve hand hygiene and help reduce HAIs.”

When asked about the leadership of the Committee, Davenport was encouraged by what he saw: “I was most impressed that [Chairwoman Ann Marie Buerkle](#), [Congressman Cliff Stearns](#) and the committee have made a serious commitment to reducing HAIs for our veterans. Our veterans should never be exposed to infection because of the care they receive, especially when it’s so preventable.”

At the conclusion of the Committee meeting, [Congressman Cliff Stearns](#) said, “I am pleased to see a company in my district, [HyGreen Inc.](#), here at the Veterans Roundtable to showcase a hand washing, sensing and reminding system to ensure medical professionals appropriately wash their hands in between patient interactions. This is one example of how hospitals can save money with prevention and promote better patient safety through innovation.”

#### **About HyGreen**

[HyGreen, Inc.](#) is an innovative technology company whose mission is to improve lives by safeguarding health through technology. Its [HyGreen® Hand Hygiene](#) product provides hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, doctor’s offices, restaurants and educational institutions with the tools to measure hand hygiene, improve hand hygiene behaviors, increase facility quality and decrease infection control costs. HyGreen, developed by researchers at the [University of Florida](#), has received the [Popular Science Best of What’s New Award](#), the [Medical Design Excellence Award](#), and was recently nominated for a [World Technology Award](#).

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HyGreen CEO, Craig T. Davenport testifying before Congressional Committee

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