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Medical startup in Concord, partner win \$250,000 U.S. Army grant

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A unit of the U.S. Army has awarded a \$250,000 grant to a research partnership that will test the effectiveness of a urine management technology developed by a startup in Concord.

The startup, Future Path Medical Holding Co., will share the grant money with its research partners, the Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Georgia and the Center for Telehealth at Georgia Health Sciences University.

The project will test Future Path's UroSense Critical system, which captures patient urine in a bag and uses sensors to alert medical staff when the bag is almost full. The system also can measure the patient's body temperature and the flow rate of the urine, which "is a key indicator of organ system function, hydration, and other care factors," according to a news release from the company.

Future Path plans to release a simplified version of that system, called UroSense Essential, this fall, said CEO Brian Gilbert.

That version is designed for home use, while UroSense Critical was developed for hospitals. The research project not only will allow the Army to test the system for possible use, but it also will help Future Path prepare to bring the product to market, Mr. Gilbert said.

Future Path moved to Concord from Columbus about a year ago, he said. The company — which employs six people, including two independent contractors — moved to Northeast Ohio because Mr. Gilbert, who was hired last year, lives in Geneva and because the company wants to work with the region's biomedical community.

The grant was provided by the U.S. Army Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center.

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