

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mike Tickle

Diagnostic Devices, Inc.

Direct: 704-285-6413

[miket@prodigymeter.com](mailto:miket@prodigymeter.com)

[www.prodigymeter.com](http://www.prodigymeter.com)

## **Prodigy<sup>®</sup> Brand Test Strips DO NOT use the GDH-PQQ Glucose Monitoring Technology**

**Charlotte, N.C. – Aug. 17, 2009** – The Prodigy<sup>®</sup> Brand blood glucose monitoring systems are not affected by a recent FDA notice regarding possible false readings with certain kinds of monitoring technologies that use glucose dehydrogenase pyrroloquinoline quinone (GDH-PQQ) in its test strips.

Diagnostic Devices, Inc., (DDI) the maker of Prodigy<sup>®</sup> Brand meters and test strips, DOES NOT use GDH-PQQ.

According to the FDA, monitoring systems using GDH-PQQ test strips can result in false elevated blood glucose results in patients who are receiving therapeutic products containing certain non-glucose sugars. False readings can mask significant hypoglycemia or spark an insulin overdose, leading to serious injury or death, according to the FDA.

All Prodigy blood glucose meters and test strips meet the current FDA requirements and use technology, glucose oxidase, that prevents interference with non-glucose sugars such as malatose and galactose.

The Food and Drug Administration's public health notification can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/AlertsandNotices/PublicHealthNotifications/ucm176992.htm>

### **ABOUT PRODIGY<sup>®</sup> GLUCOSE MONITORING SYSTEM**

Prodigy<sup>®</sup> Meters are distributed by a privately owned company headquartered in Charlotte, NC, that develops, manufactures and markets technology-based diabetes products, with a focus on audible blood-glucose meters. The Prodigy<sup>®</sup> product line offers "talking" meters especially beneficial to the sight-impaired diabetic market. The Prodigy<sup>®</sup> Voice<sup>™</sup> is the only meter for blind or low-vision diabetes patients to earn awards from both the National Federation of the Blind and the American Foundation for the Blind. More information on Prodigy<sup>®</sup> can be found at [www.prodigymeter.com](http://www.prodigymeter.com)