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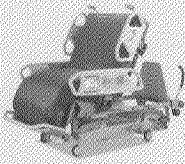
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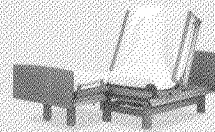
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our diverse portfolio
of market-leading products



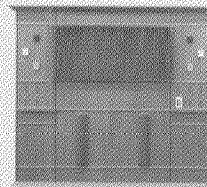
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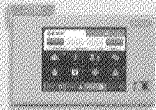
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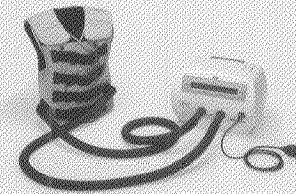
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HILL-ROM® PATIENT ENVIRONMENT



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AND COMMUNICATION



HILL-ROM®
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ASPEN™ SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS
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Every Day, Around The World,

we enhance outcomes for patients
and their caregivers.



Enhancing outcomes for patients and their caregivers:

mission

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values

respect

Treat everyone with respect
Embrace a global, inclusive culture

responsiveness

Have a sense of urgency
Communicate openly and honestly
Welcome debate and different perspectives
Break down silos to work as one Hill-Rom

results

Embrace a performance-driven culture
Innovate for growth
Be accountable for our commitments

integrity

Adhere to the highest ethical standards
Be action-oriented and appropriately manage risks

fun

Have fun and celebrate our victories

A LETTER
FROM

the ceo

FELLOW SHAREHOLDERS

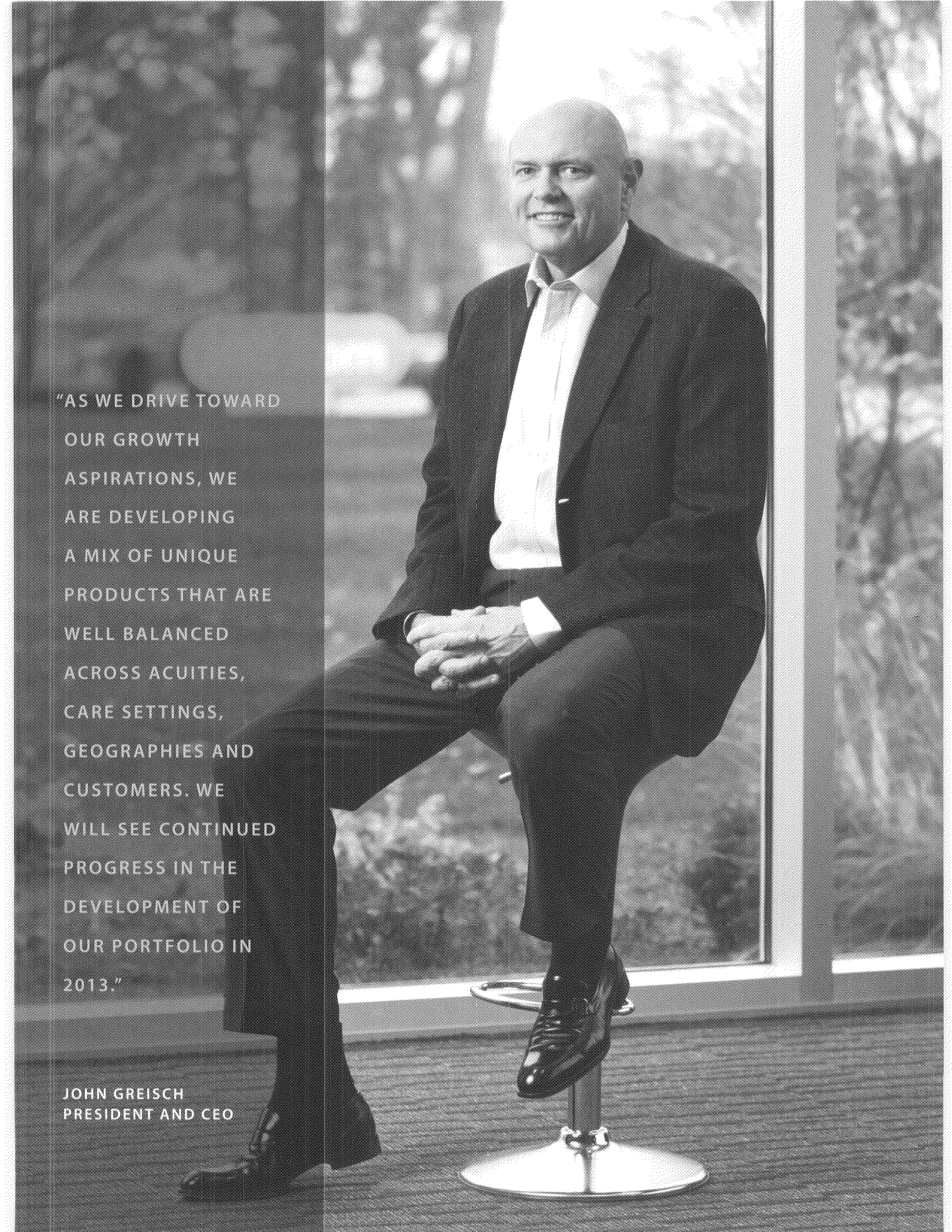
At Hill-Rom, we draw great inspiration from the stories of our patients and caregivers. These stories remind us that our work matters in the lives of people around the world. Knowing the difference we can make motivates us to constantly improve on what we do and to grow and develop our business so that we can make an even greater impact every day. In this Annual Report, you'll see how this inspiration translates to our company's progress during 2012, and you'll have an opportunity to experience that inspiration for yourself through one of our patient stories.

delivering on our strategic financial priorities

During 2012, we faced a challenging global economic environment and difficult conditions within the health care markets, especially within the capital sector. Our total revenue increased three percent compared with last year, but our full-year adjusted diluted earnings per share went from \$2.27 in 2011 to \$2.24 in 2012. Despite the challenges, Hill-Rom delivered on our most important strategic priorities by investing in growth opportunities and returning cash to our shareholders. We made two acquisitions that strengthened our presence in key global markets, expanded our patient support systems offering, and diversified our portfolio with new surgical products. Our continued focus on cash flow drove improved performance in 2012 when we achieved two percent growth in adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA). We returned

approximately 30 percent of our operating cash flow to shareholders by increasing our annual dividend by 13 percent and repurchasing 1.5 million shares of our common stock. That we were in a position to deliver on these priorities is due in no small part to our continued strong management of our cost structure, and our ongoing work to optimize the portfolio by improving or eliminating underperforming segments of our business.

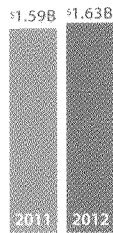
As we anticipated, our 2012 financial performance had some ups and downs. However, I am pleased that we continued to accomplish the true drivers of growth, development and value creation for our shareholders on both a short- and long-term basis. I am confident that our efforts will continue to pay off in this regard as we move forward into 2013 and beyond.



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JOHN GREISCH
PRESIDENT AND CEO

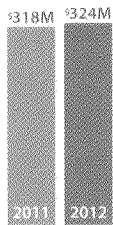
\$1.63



**BILLION FISCAL YEAR
REPORTED REVENUE**

3% reported revenue growth from 2011 to 2012

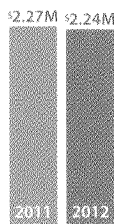
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MILLION ADJUSTED EBITDA

2% growth from 2011 to 2012

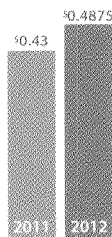
\$2.24



**ADJUSTED DILUTED
EARNINGS PER SHARE**

1% decrease from 2011 to 2012

\$0.4875



DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE

13% growth from 2011 to 2012

acquisitions opened new pathways

Acquisitions were an important focus for Hill-Rom in 2012. In February, we completed our acquisition of Völker, a German company known for its innovative design and quality bed systems. This milestone occurred in the year of Völker's 100th anniversary, and we have found that Hill-Rom and Völker share a great deal of history and culture, including our strong values, our commitment to enhancing outcomes, and dedication to creating an environment of safe and dignified care for patients and caregivers. We have learned much from each other in only a short time and have made significant progress in integrating our companies and our product portfolios. Hill-Rom had two key strategic objectives in purchasing Völker. First was to strengthen our channel in Germany, Europe's largest market, and in other key global markets. We've accomplished this objective by adding Völker's outstanding products and expanding our commercial structure to further address customer needs in both acute and extended care segments in this region. Our second objective was to expand our product portfolio not only within Germany and Western Europe, but also to advance our core patient support systems portfolio globally. We were successful on this front as well. In a matter of months, we launched the excellent Völker products into the North America post-acute care markets. Within six months, we achieved our key integration milestones and created strong momentum carrying us forward in 2013.

Aspen Surgical was our other significant acquisition in 2012. We closed that transaction in July. One key objective of this acquisition was to balance out the long and uneven purchasing cycles of our core, capital-based patient support system franchise. By adding surgical consumables to our portfolio, we now have a reliable and recurring revenue source, as well as a new product offering for our customers. Aspen Surgical has some of the most well-known brands in this space,

Including the Bard-Parker® line of safety scalpels and blades. Patient and caregiver safety in the operating room is the focus of the Aspen™ product portfolio, which also includes Colby fluid collection products, Richard-Allan™ specialty needles, a variety of other operating room disposables and instrument care products, as well as wound care dressings. Adding Aspen Surgical is the latest step in our strategic plan to diversify Hill-Rom and make us even more relevant and valuable to our customers.

As we drive toward our growth aspirations, we are developing a mix of unique products that are well balanced across acuties, care settings, geographies and customers. We will see continued progress in the development of our portfolio in 2013.

making our mark in emerging markets

Our acquisition of Völker fueled an important part of our global expansion strategy during 2012, strengthening our channel presence and portfolio in Europe's largest markets and beyond. We also expanded our infrastructure and product offering, as well as our customer relationships, in important emerging markets around the world, including Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Brazil and China.

The Hill-Rom EEMEA region (Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa), which covers a diverse geo-political and socio-economic landscape that includes nearly 100 countries, had a strong year in 2012. Investments in our presence in these regions have paid off as more and more customers are embracing the benefits of our offering.

In Russia, where health care investments have been limited in the recent past, the government has embarked upon a plan to improve quality, including needed infrastructure and equipment upgrades within the country's far reaching network of hospitals. To support this effort in 2012, Hill-Rom's experts met with health officials in Moscow to demonstrate the clinical and economic value of Hill-Rom products. They showed that partnership with Hill-Rom extends the value beyond our products to the service, training and education and clinical protocol support that we can offer our customers. The result was an opportunity for Hill-Rom to provide a number of our leading products – including frames, surfaces and furniture – to upgrade the more than 75 facilities in the Moscow regional hospital system.

The demand for higher quality care is similar in the Middle East and is happening even faster as governments attempt to keep pace with rising and aging populations. By 2020, approximately \$55 billion in health care investments will be made in the region known as the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), a political and economic union of Arab states bordering the Persian Gulf. By 2050, some 130,000 new hospital beds are expected to be added by the GCC in an effort to improve the current 2:1 patient-to-bed ratio. Hill-Rom is increasingly viewed as a strong partner in this region as hospitals seek to upgrade the quality and sophistication of equipment, patient care technologies and clinical capabilities.

As the sixth fastest growing economy in the world and with 40 percent of the population of South America, Brazil plays

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"DURING 2012, INNOVATION PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR THINKING ABOUT VIRTUALLY ALL THE WORKING PARTS OF OUR COMPANY AND WHAT WE DO, FROM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TO COMMERCIAL EXCELLENCE, ACQUISITIONS, TALENT MANAGEMENT, FINANCIAL DISCIPLINE, OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS AND MORE."

an important role in Hill-Rom's geographic expansion. The Hill-Rom Brazil team drove exceptional performance during the year. Their work in building the company's presence in this key economic region has not gone unnoticed. Hill-Rom earned two "Top Hospitalar" awards as the preferred hospital supplier in Brazil. Top Hospitalar recipients are chosen based on an independent survey of more than 300 customers and key opinion leaders in Brazil. Hill-Rom was chosen supplier of choice over several key competitors in two segments, Critical Care and Infrastructure. The Hospitalar awards are great validation from our customers of the value Hill-Rom brings to the clinical environment in the region.

In Asia, we continued our solid progress in building our presence in key regions such as China. The Hill-Rom teams are actively working to provide solutions that will help expand and upgrade health care systems in this region with a range of products for all needs, from the most technologically sophisticated offerings to those that have fewer clinical features and are lower cost.

Our global expansion is moving forward with great progress due to the strong value that customers see in what Hill-Rom has to offer – from our clinically relevant and innovative products, to our best-in-class service and support. More and more customers in an expanding number of markets around the world are appreciating the reasons why Hill-Rom is and will continue to be the global industry leader.

innovation across Hill-Rom

Innovation is traditionally viewed as the exclusive domain of research and development teams. Not so within Hill-Rom. During 2012, innovation played an important role in our thinking about virtually all the working parts of our

company and what we do, from product development to commercial excellence, acquisitions, talent management, financial discipline, operational improvements and more. We are working to continually grow, improve our company and enhance the value that we bring to our customers every day. That requires the most creative, strategic thinking we can bring to the table to deliver product innovations, re-shape our business and address the very rapid changes throughout health care.

Our research and development teams had a busy year as we increased our investment by nearly five percent in our R&D programs to \$67 million. We developed our Early Innovation team and enhanced our capabilities in this critical stage of the R&D process. The Early Innovation team is on the front end of product development. They pull ideas together with opportunities to create the next generation of valuable solutions for our customers. We're excited about their progress and where they are going. Our new product development teams have also been active. We launched 18 product innovations in 2012, including new product introductions in health information technology and patient support systems.

Our portfolio and our company overall benefitted from fresh, innovative thinking during 2012. Creative strategic thinking not only led to two strong acquisitions, but also led to the turnaround or elimination of previously underperforming businesses. This was the case with the successful turnaround of our Healthcare IT Solutions business and our commercial operations in Australia. This was also true of our decision to exit certain aspects of our Home Care rental business. All along the way, teams throughout Hill-Rom worked actively on reducing our cost structure, improving overall quality, better developing our talent, and achieving excellence in

marketing, sales and service. We're continually keeping our minds open to new ways of thinking and our ears open to the needs voiced by our customers. By doing this, we continue to shape Hill-Rom to be best positioned to address the changing needs of the health care marketplace, achieve strong global growth, provide the best possible workplace for employees and deliver the best possible shareholder value.

our mission inspires our performance

In communities all around the world, Hill-Rom people are inspired by the stories of our patients and their caregivers. We are fortunate to be in one of the few professions where you can make a positive, life-changing difference for people. In the face of challenge, our mission and the inspiration that comes from our patients and caregivers defines our work, energizes us and makes us unstoppable. We care deeply about the people we serve, and we know that when we get it right, when we do our jobs better than we imagined we could, we help other people and make their lives better. We're proud of all that we've accomplished toward this end during 2012. More so, we're excited about our future and all that's left to accomplish in 2013 and beyond.



**JOHN J. GREISCH,
PRESIDENT AND CEO, HILL-ROM**

30%

**OF OPERATING CASH FLOW
RETURNED TO SHAREHOLDERS**

"Hill-Rom successfully delivered on our most important strategic priorities by investing in growth opportunities and returning cash to our shareholders."

CIRCLING
THE

globe

At Hill-Rom, we are in the business of caring for people. We are passionate about making the health of patients and the work of caregivers better. We put that passion into our work and our performance every day, around the world.

VÖLKER

A **Hill-Rom** Company

- Völker celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2012
- Völker products were introduced in North America post-acute care markets

Aspen Surgical

A **Hill-Rom** Company

- Bard-Parker® safety scalpels and blades
- Colby fluid collection products, Richard-Allan™ specialty needles, operating room disposables, instrument care products and wound care dressings
- Operations in Caledonia, Michigan; Redditch, U.K., and Las Piedras, Puerto Rico



6,950

THE NUMBER OF HILL-ROM
EMPLOYEES WORLDWIDE

2012

REVENUE BY SEGMENT

\$998.2M
NORTH AMERICA

\$482.9M
INTERNATIONAL

\$153.2M
SURGICAL AND
RESPIRATORY CARE

TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOSPITAL
AT PEMBURY, U.K.



MOSCOW

The Moscow Modernization project led to the installation of more than 7,000 electronic bed systems in the city's 75 hospitals. Before the start of the project, only 10 percent of Moscow hospitals were equipped with electronic beds.



ITALY

"Easy-to-use surfaces are a key factor to successful caregiver usage and patient benefit. Patients have said, 'I have never seen such a special bed.'"

*A. Manzoni Hospital,
Lecco, Italy*



FRANCE

"Hill-Rom is an important and strategic partner. Hill-Rom is an asset for us in the hospital sector."

*UGAP - Purchasing
Organization of the French
Government*



UK

"The relationship we have with Völker is family-like — it works for all of us."

*Tunbridge Wells Hospital,
Pembury, U.K.*

THE
HEALING

power

OF POSITIVITY

Bertice and Fatima Berry are a mother and daughter who share a deep love and bond with each other. They share the same broad smile, quick wit, good humor — and a lot of laughter. They share expansive creativity and exercise it daily in many different forms. And, they share a strong faith that their positive outlook can overcome anything and make everything possible.

Positivity, creativity and passion run deep in the Berry family. Bertice has spent a lifetime testing boundaries. When Bertice was told by a high school teacher that she was “not college material,” she responded by graduating magna cum laude from Jacksonville University in Florida and earned a Ph.D. in Sociology from Kent State University by age 26. She taught sociology and statistics at Kent, and demonstrated that she knew a few things about humor along the way, becoming one of the most popular teachers at the university. Berry then went on to become an award-winning entertainer, lecturer, comedienne and author.

Fatima is already following in her mother's footsteps, with a “no boundaries” approach to life and practicing creativity in every aspect of her life. While many people her age struggle to find even one interest to pursue, Fatima seemingly finds a new passion every day. However, Fatima and her entire family are not without challenges and high hurdles in their lives. The Berrys have been tested in their faith and positivity by the death of Fatima's sister and several health conditions resulting in multiple hospitalizations for grandmother, mother and daughter.

“the hospital with the good beds”

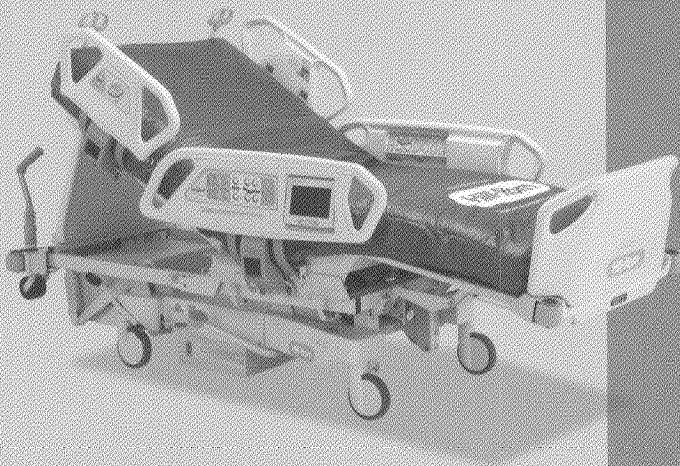
Fatima's grandmother spent the better part of two years in and out of local hospitals in the Berrys' hometown of Savannah, Georgia. Bertice rattles off the conditions like an auctioneer — “a brain tumor, five heart attacks, six strokes.” Bertice and Fatima quickly learned from the matriarch of the family that in a room full of life-saving equipment, there's one device that isn't typically acknowledged as a life saver, but they believe can make all the difference. “At first, we would take my mom to different hospitals in Savannah depending on their area of specialization,” Bertice says. “But she put her foot down and said she would only go to ‘the hospital with the good beds.’”

*“When you
walk with
purpose, you
collide with
destiny.”*

Bertice Berry



FATIMA BERRY
AND HER MOTHER, BERTICE BERRY



TOTALCARE SPO RT® 2 BED

“There’s very little control a patient has over their own mobility. The functionality of the Hill-Rom® bed, however, gave Fatima the ability to participate in her own wellness and recovery. That’s huge. That control over the bed gives you a peace of mind, a sense of comfort that ‘I’m going to get well.’”

Bertice Berry

As a teenager, Fatima was already becoming very familiar with hospitals, because of her own health issues and those faced by both her mother and grandmother. Fatima had developed a severe bleeding condition that required multiple blood transfusions and many visits to the hospital to determine the cause. So when Fatima’s own condition required hospital stays, she experienced for herself the differences between hospitals.

“My visits to the first hospital were really scary because I was lying flat constantly,” Fatima says. “Any time I wanted to change position in the bed, I needed to call for a nurse. I knew how busy they were and didn’t want to burden them all the time. But when I was lying flat, all I could think about was how difficult it was to breath, and I would start to panic. I also couldn’t see what was going on around me, just to the side or to the ceiling. So I would be lying there thinking ‘what’s going to happen to me, am I going to die?’”

fatima’s health spiraling out of control

After nearly two years of treatment for her condition, Fatima’s doctors recommended a surgical procedure to abate her bleeding. But the procedure led to a series of serious complications, beginning with a pulmonary edema during surgery that spiraled into acute respiratory failure and then kidney failure.

Fatima was placed on life support to maintain her breathing artificially while doctors fought to clear the fluid from her lungs. She was transitioned from the ventilator to a positive airway pressure machine to help push air into the lungs and keep the lungs open. For four days, the machine controlled her lung function until she could gradually regain control of her own breathing.

Bertice looked on helplessly as her youngest child lay tethered to numerous life-saving devices. “When you’re a family member of a patient in an Intensive Care Unit, you don’t know what’s going on around you, you don’t even speak the language,” says Bertice. “You have no control. But for the patient, that feeling of a lack of control is even more daunting.”

taking control brings hope

Fatima had been adamant that her mom take her to the "hospital with the good beds." Not only did the Hill-Rom® bed provide Fatima comfort, she says it provided a sense of control and peace of mind at a time when neither seemed attainable.

"In the Hill-Rom bed, I could control my positioning by myself, so I could see my mom, the nurses, outside my room, the monitors, my IV," Fatima says. "It was like a pressure was lifted off of me to actually be able to sit up and see what was going on rather than lying down and feeling paranoid about what was going on around me. When I was upright, I felt more secure, more in control."

"Control is a big deal for a patient," Bertice says. "There's very little control a patient has over their own mobility. The functionality of the Hill-Rom bed, however, gave Fatima the ability to participate in her own wellness and recovery. That's huge. That control over the bed gives you a peace of mind, a sense of comfort that 'I'm going to get well.'"

"If you're uncomfortable while you're trying to recover, it becomes a distraction that leaves little room for what you need to do to get better," Fatima says. "If you have some control over your movement, if you can sit up, you start thinking about recovering and then the possibility of going home."

from possibility to prom

And going home and resuming her life as a teenager is exactly where Fatima's focus shifted. Though she had already missed the SATs and her work as a member of the prom's organizing committee, Fatima was determined she would not miss the prom itself. With the big night just a short while away, she summoned the patented Berry family positivity and fired up her laptop. She and her mom were going dress shopping, virtually. It may not have been as glamorous or exciting as touring the local boutiques with her friends, but it was certainly more therapeutic. In less than a day, a few hours at a time, Fatima had her gown. Though Fatima wasn't certain she would actually make it to the prom, the dress provided a visual incentive for her recovery.

"As we were searching for the dress, I kept thinking 'Oh gosh, I really hope I get to wear this,'" Fatima says. "It was scary being in the hospital, but picking out the dress really lifted my spirits."

Their optimism paid off. Fatima moved from the ICU to general care and despite a few setbacks, Fatima not only attended her senior prom, but she even took a turn as the DJ. Bertice credits Fatima's TotalCare SpO₂RT® 2 bed for the emotional, if not the physical help, to speed her recovery.

"I firmly believe that how quickly you can sit up, walk, and go to the bathroom on your own determines how quickly you can go home," Bertice says. "The Hill-Rom bed enables you to sit up while you're in the bed, and it enables you to exit the bed on your own. Rather than having to wait for someone to come help Fatima sit up, or get out of bed, she was able to do it when she wanted. I think that significantly contributed to shortening her recovery time. I tell everyone I know 'this bed saved my baby's life.'"

the next great chapter

Though she has returned to the hospital several more times for minor setbacks, Fatima is well on the road to a full recovery. Now a sophomore at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, she is currently a Theatre major, leveraging all of her talents and exploring her array of interests.

When asked what she sees herself doing when she finishes her degree work, Fatima reflected on her recent experiences and all of her interests. "If I had to choose now, I think I really want to be a designer. I really like trying to innovate or find ways to improve things that already exist."

It's clear that no matter what Fatima Berry does – whether as a designer, writer, world-class chef, or all three – she will improve the world around her. Her success will be determined on the strength of experience and perspective few people can match, particularly at such a young age. And, it doesn't hurt to tap a vast reserve of positivity that flows freely among the Berry family.

ALWAYS

advancing

AND DISCOVERING

Hill-Rom's legacy of innovation stretches back to 1929 when William Hillenbrand founded the company. In fact, 2012 marked the 60th anniversary of Hill-Rom's introduction of the first electric motor bed.

early innovation

In 2012, Hill-Rom invested across our key research and development programs, including an expansion of the Early Innovation team and our capabilities in this critical part of the process. All health care providers face the challenge of staying one step ahead of a turbulent environment impacted by health care reform and reimbursement measures, fluctuations in the global economy, and increasingly conservative capital investments. Keeping pace with these changing marketplace dynamics to provide increasingly significant value to customers is an important part of Hill-Rom's Early Innovation team's responsibilities. In synchronization with other Hill-Rom functions, the Early Innovation team anticipates changing customer needs and develops new technologies and new business and delivery approaches that will help Hill-Rom effectively meet those needs in the future.

focus of research and development at Hill-Rom

Hill-Rom is exploring new technologies and clinical use cases that represent new, high-growth clinical areas. All innovation activities carry with them throughout the process the spirit of the Hill-Rom mission – every day, around the world, we enhance outcomes for patients and their caregivers. Toward this end, our overall research and development program is focused in three key areas:

- Understand patients through sensing and detection technologies
- Anticipate patient issues through decision support systems
- React to patient conditions with advanced therapy delivery

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WORLDWIDE
PATENTS ISSUED
DURING THE YEAR

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PRODUCTS
OR FEATURES
INTRODUCED

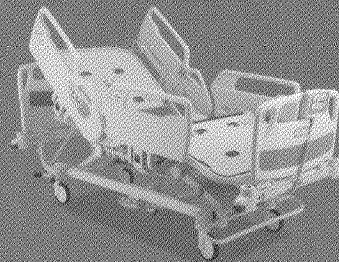
\$67M

INVESTMENT IN R&D

key product introductions in 2012

HILL-ROM® 900 SPLIT SIDERAIL BED

In 2012, the Hill-Rom® 900 Split Siderail medical-surgical bed frame was launched in regions outside North America. The Hill-Rom 900 Split Siderail features a configuration that provides improved ergonomic controls, reduced space consumption and enhanced patient egress, while maintaining compliance with the latest safety standards.



SMARTSYNC™ SYSTEM

The SmartSync™ System supports existing Hill-Rom® smart beds and is a gateway that links bed data with a facility's electronic medical records. Patient data transfers from the bed, quickly and easily helping hospital staff care for patients more safely, efficiently and effectively.



HILL-ROM® P530 CLRT BARIATRIC SURFACE

The Hill-Rom® P530 Continuous Lateral Rotation Therapy Bariatric Surface supports patients up to 1,000 pounds.

It is a pressure redistribution air surface that automatically adjusts to relieve pressure according to patients' weight and height to help prevent and treat pressure ulcers. In addition, new systems were added to this surface to enable continuous lateral rotation therapy to help minimize risk of pulmonary complications from immobility.





192%

INCREASE IN BED
DELIVERIES FROM
2011 TO 2012

In 2012, Hill-Rom's
Hospital Beds for
Humanity® program
deliveries increased
192% compared
with 2011. Hill-Rom
employees refurbished
more than 2,400
products overall,
which were delivered
to facilities in need
in Central and South
America, Africa, Asia
and the U.S.

COMMITTED
TO DOING

our part

At Hill-Rom, we view good corporate citizenship as a natural extension of our mission and yet another opportunity to improve lives around the world. Since 1929, Hill-Rom has built a reputation of trust, reliability and compassion by continually striving to do our part to contribute to the well-being of those we touch through our business. We work hard to achieve this, most notably through a few key areas of focus, including corporate giving and volunteerism, our efforts to minimize environmental impact, and workplace diversity and inclusion.

There are three areas of focus for Hill-Rom's corporate giving efforts. The primary vehicle is Hill-Rom's Hospital Beds for Humanity® program, through which Hill-Rom employees volunteer to refurbish and renew medical equipment for hospitals and other health care facilities where there is urgent need for Hill-Rom's products.

Disaster relief support is the second area upon which Hill-Rom and our employees focus giving, providing company funds, employee gifts, and support to the Red Cross and other organizations. In addition, we frequently donate funds and employee time to support charitable work and community development activities in our hometown communities around the world.

Our third area of focus for Hill-Rom giving is health research, education and health care professional development. We invest time, effort and resources to support charitable and educational organizations that are devoted to nursing and health care professional training.

Environmental stewardship is also a key component of Hill-Rom's commitment to good corporate citizenship, and we are continually working to find innovative solutions to reduce use of materials throughout our

operations. Through trade-in or buy back, many of our products are refurbished and returned to the market. We also have a number of recycling programs in place and we are reducing the use of raw materials and consumption of natural resources.

Diversity is a fundamental strength of our company. Regardless of background or culture, Hill-Rom employees work together to develop and deliver superior products to patients and caregivers around the world and this spirit extends to how we work with our partners and suppliers. It is our practice to identify and support whenever possible the utilization of qualified small businesses, disadvantage businesses or businesses owned by veterans or minority groups, and to promote diversity throughout our supplier base.

These are just a few examples of how Hill-Rom is making positive contributions and working for a better outcome each and every day in our global communities. For more information about Hill-Rom's Corporate Social Responsibility programs, please visit www.hill-rom.com.

numbers

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30

(Dollars in millions except per share data)

	2012	2011	2010
NET REVENUES			
Capital sales	\$ 1,198.2	1,119.0	996.6
Rental revenues	436.1	472.7	473.0
TOTAL REVENUES	1,634.3	1,591.7	1,469.6
GROSS PROFIT			
Capital sales	507.8	512.2	448.0
Rental revenues	246.9	269.1	268.6
TOTAL GROSS PROFIT	754.7	781.3	716.6
Research and development expenses	66.9	63.8	58.3
Selling and administrative expenses	496.4	502.0	474.6
Litigation (credit) charge	(3.6)	47.3	(21.2)
Impairment of goodwill and other intangibles	8.0	-	-
Special charges	18.2	1.4	13.2
OPERATING PROFIT	168.8	166.8	191.7
Other income (expense), net	(5.3)	(7.1)	(8.8)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	163.5	159.7	182.9
Income tax expense	42.7	26.2	56.9
NET INCOME	120.8	133.5	126.0
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	-	0.2	0.7
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS	\$ 120.8	133.3	125.3
NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE - DILUTED	\$ 1.94	2.09	1.97
Dividends per Common Share	\$ 0.49	0.43	0.41
Average Common Shares Outstanding - Diluted (000's)	62,361	63,899	63,739
Shareholders	20,400	19,500	21,000
Employees	6,950	6,230	6,350

See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for more information.

ADJUSTED FINANCIAL DATA RECONCILIATION

	2012	2011	2010
GAAP OPERATING INCOME	\$ 168.8	166.8	191.7
Adjustments:			
Vendor product recall	(6.5)	(2.3)	-
Acquisition and integration costs	11.7	1.0	-
Special charges	18.2	1.4	13.2
Impairment of goodwill and other intangibles	8.0	-	-
Field corrective action	16.0	-	-
Litigation (credit) charge	(3.6)	47.3	(21.2)
Adjusted Operating Income (1)	\$ 212.6	214.3	183.7
Adjusted Operating Margin	13.0%	13.5%	12.5%
Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 111.7	103.9	99.7
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 324.3	318.2	283.4
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 2.24	2.27	1.76

(1) May not add due to rounding.

See previous public filings for reconciliations of adjusted results.

FIVE-YEAR SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30

(Dollars in millions except per share data)

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (a):					
Net revenues	\$ 1,634.3	1,591.7	1,469.6	1,386.9	1,507.7
Cost of revenues and operating expenses	\$ 1,442.9	1,376.2	1,285.9	1,276.3	1,382.1
Litigation (credit) charge (b)	\$ (3.6)	47.3	(21.2)	-	-
Impairment of goodwill and other intangibles (c)	\$ 8.0	-	-	472.8	-
Special charges (d)	\$ 18.2	1.4	13.2	20.5	22.8
Operating profit (loss)	\$ 168.8	166.8	191.7	(382.7)	102.8
Other income (expense), net	\$ (5.3)	(7.1)	(8.8)	3.9	(10.5)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 163.5	159.7	182.9	(378.8)	92.3
Percent of net revenues	10.0	10.0	12.4	(27.3)	6.1
Income tax expense	\$ 42.7	26.2	56.9	26.2	25.2
Percent of effective rate (e)	26.1	16.4	31.1	(6.9)	27.3
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 120.8	133.5	126.0	(405.0)	67.1
Percent of net revenues	7.4	8.4	8.6	(29.2)	4.5
Income from discontinued operations	\$ -	-	-	-	48.7
Net income (loss)	\$ 120.8	133.5	126.0	(405.0)	115.8
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	\$ -	0.2	0.7	-	-
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$ 120.8	133.3	125.3	(405.0)	115.8

PER SHARE DATA:

Income (loss) attributable to common shareholders from continuing operations - Diluted (a)	\$ 1.94	2.09	1.97	(6.47)	1.07
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders - Diluted (a)	\$ 1.94	2.09	1.97	(6.47)	1.85
Cash dividends (f)	\$ 0.49	0.43	0.41	0.41	0.78
Average common shares outstanding - Diluted (000's)	62,361	63,899	63,739	62,581	62,622

(a) Results of Operations and diluted income (loss) per share data reflects the results of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. on a continuing operations basis with the results of the former funeral services business reflected in discontinued operations in fiscal 2008.

(b) Reflects litigation credits in 2012 and 2010 and litigation settlement charges in 2011.

(c) Reflects an impairment of other intangibles in 2012 and goodwill and other intangibles in 2009 due to a decline in the Company's market capitalization during the second quarter of that year related to the overall macro-economic climate and its unfavorable impact on hospital capital spending.

(d) Special charges reflect actions taken including streamlining the organization, realignment of certain operations, the write-down of underperforming and rationalized assets and the reversal of prior special charge provisions in excess of requirements (see Note 8 to Consolidated Financial Statements).

(e) Reflects the 2009 non-deductible goodwill impairment charge and discrete period tax items as applicable each year.

(f) Reflects reduced dividends since the date of spin-off of funeral services business.

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
FINANCIAL POSITION:					
Current assets	\$ 681.8	791.7	739.2	695.1	772.3
Current liabilities	\$ 378.1	334.0	288.7	344.3	394.7
Working capital	\$ 303.7	457.7	450.5	350.8	377.6
Current ratio	1.8	2.4	2.6	2.0	2.0
Equipment leased to others and property, net	\$ 250.1	222.8	243.7	272.4	296.8
Total assets	\$ 1,627.6	1,299.1	1,245.6	1,232.6	1,689.9
Long-term obligations/debt (g)	\$ 237.5	50.8	98.5	99.7	100.3
Shareholders' equity	\$ 812.6	741.7	707.5	609.3	1,082.6
OTHER DATA:					
Capital expenditures (h)	\$ 77.8	68.9	64.7	63.9	102.6
Depreciation, amortization and write-down of intangibles (h)	\$ 111.7	103.9	99.7	573.0	112.8
Net cash provided by operating activities (h)	\$ 261.7	222.5	139.8	225.7	270.5
Employees	6,950	6,230	6,350	6,500	6,800
Shareholders	20,400	19,500	21,000	17,900	24,700
Stock price range - high and low (i)	\$ 36.13-24.69	48.80-26.90	35.89-19.59	30.04-8.89	33.46-24.38

(g) Reflects long-term obligations, including capital leases.

(h) Cash flow information for fiscal year 2008 reflects Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. for the full year and our former funeral services business for the first half of the year.

(i) Stock price range for the year ended September 30, 2008 reflects only the period April 1, 2008 (the date of the spin) through September 30, 2008.

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Elected in 2002

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Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
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Elected in 2009

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Elected in 2002

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Retired President, ESG, Verizon Communications
Elected in 2004

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Elected in 2003

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Elected in 1972

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President and CEO, Hill-Rom
Elected in 2010

KATHERINE NAPIER

CEO of Arbonne International, LLC
Elected in 2009

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Senior Vice President and President, North America

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

STOCK EXCHANGE

Hill-Rom common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the ticker symbol "HRC."

TRANSFER AGENT

If you have question about your stock certificates – such as lost certificates, registration of certificates, dividend payments or any other stock-related question – please contact our transfer agent. Its information is:

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REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND DIRECT STOCK SERVICE

Hill-Rom offers its shareholders opportunities to reinvest dividends and to transfer their certificates into electronic accounts. In order to obtain information for these features, please contact our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

ANNUAL MEETING

Hill-Rom's annual meeting of shareholders will be held on Friday, March 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. EST at:

Hill-Rom Corporate Offices
1069 State Route 46 East
Batesville, IN 47006-7798

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE COMPLIANCE

In 2012, we submitted our Section 303A.12(a) chief executive officer certification to the New York Stock Exchange. We also filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, as exhibits to the most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act Sections 302 and 906 certifications required of Hill-Rom's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

INVESTOR RELATIONS

Requests for the Hill-Rom Annual Report, Form 10-K, Annual Proxy Statement or other information on the company should be directed in writing to:

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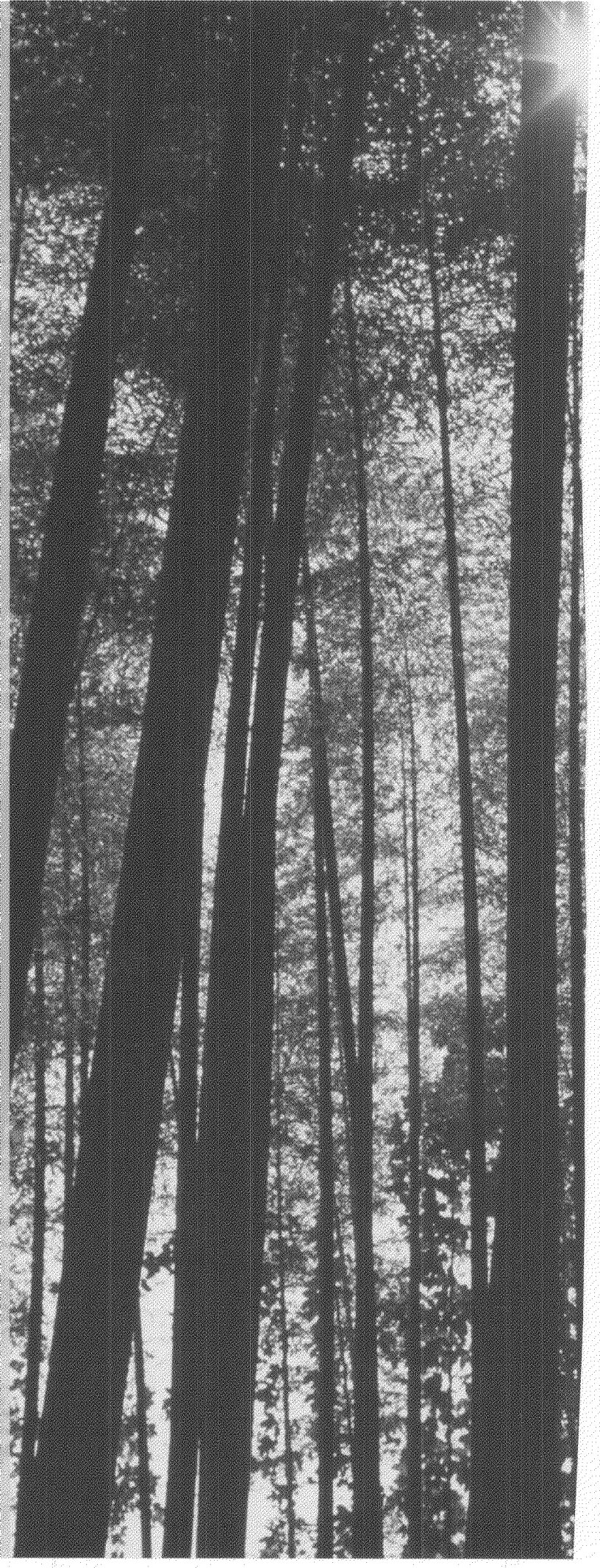
DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements herein contain forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, regarding the Company's future plans, objectives, beliefs, expectations, representations and projections. It is important to note that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and the Company's actual results could differ materially from those set forth in any forward-looking statements. For a more in-depth discussion of factors that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in forward-looking statements, see the discussions under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's previously filed most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. The Company assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.



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Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012

OR

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from ____ to ____

Commission File No. 1-6651

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HILL-ROM HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

35-1160484

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1069 State Route 46 East, Batesville, Indiana

(Address of principal executive offices)

47006-8835

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (812) 934-7777

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class
Common Stock, without par value

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the registrant's voting common equity, held by non-affiliates of the registrant, was approximately \$2.0 billion, based on the closing sales price of \$33.41 per share as of March 31, 2012 (the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter). There is no non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates.

The registrant had 60,808,647 shares of its common stock, without par value, outstanding as of November 6, 2012.

Documents incorporated by reference.

Certain portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement to be delivered to shareholders in connection with the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on March 8, 2013 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

HILL-ROM HOLDINGS, INC.

Annual Report on Form 10-K

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2012

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PART I

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

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Item 1. BUSINESS

General

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. (the “Company,” “Hill-Rom,” “we,” “us,” or “our”) (formerly known as Hillenbrand Industries, Inc.) was incorporated on August 7, 1969 in the State of Indiana and is headquartered in Batesville, Indiana. We are a leading worldwide manufacturer and provider of medical technologies and related services for the health care industry, including patient support systems, safe mobility and handling solutions, non-invasive therapeutic products for a variety of acute and chronic medical conditions, medical equipment rentals, surgical products and information technology solutions. Our comprehensive product and service offerings are used by health care providers across the health care continuum and around the world in hospitals, extended care facilities and home care settings, to enhance the safety and quality of patient care. In February 2012, we acquired Völker, a German manufacturer and distributor of patient support surfaces. In July 2012, we acquired Aspen Surgical, a U.S.-based manufacturer of surgical products including the Bard-Parker® line of blades and scalpels.

Segment Information

We operate and manage our business within three reportable segments, each of which is generally aligned by region or product type. The segments are as follows:

- **North America** - sells and rents our patient support and near-patient technologies and services, as well as our health information technology solutions, in the U.S. and Canada.
- **Surgical and Respiratory Care** - sells and rents our surgical and respiratory care products in all settings.
- **International** - sells and rents similar products as our North America segment in regions outside of the U.S. and Canada

Net revenues, segment profitability and other measures of segment reporting for each reporting segment are set forth in Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included under Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K. No single customer accounts for more than 10 percent of our revenue in any segment.

Products and Services

We have extensive distribution capabilities and broad reach across all health care settings. We sell and rent primarily to acute and extended care health care facilities worldwide through both a direct sales force and distributors, but we also sell products to patients in the home. Through our network of approximately 170 North American and 34 international service centers, and approximately 1,200 North American and 340 international service professionals, we are able to provide technical support and services and rapidly deliver our products to customers on an as-needed basis, providing our customers flexibility to purchase or rent our products. This extensive network is critical to serving our customers and securing contracts with Group Purchasing Organizations (“GPOs”) and integrated delivery networks (“IDNs”).

Our products and services are outlined below. Except where noted, we generally sell products and services and rent from each of our product categories in all of our business segments.

Patient Support Systems. Our innovative patient support systems include a variety of bed systems, along with integrated and non-integrated therapeutic bed surfaces, that are rented and sold by our North America and International segments. These patient support systems can be designed for use in high, mid and low acuity settings, depending on the specific design options. Our advanced patient support systems can also provide patient data reporting (e.g., weight and therapy statistics); patient safety alarms and caregiver alerts concerning such things as bed exit, bed height, patient positioning; wound healing and prevention; pulmonary treatment; point of care controls; and patient turn assist and upright positioning. Approximately 53, 51 and 49 percent of our revenues during fiscal 2012, 2011 and 2010, were derived from patient support systems.

Non-Invasive Therapeutic Products. We rent and sell non-invasive therapeutic products and surfaces designed for the prevention and treatment of a variety of acute and chronic medical conditions, including pulmonary, wound and bariatric conditions. These products are rented and sold by our North America and International segments, primarily in the U.S., Canada and Europe, with the exception of our respiratory care products. Our respiratory care products are sold by our Surgical and Respiratory Care and International segments. Approximately 25, 29 and 30 percent of our revenues were derived from these therapeutic products in fiscal 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Medical Equipment Management and Contract Services. We provide rentals and health care provider asset management services for a wide variety of moveable medical equipment, also known as MME, such as ventilators, defibrillators, intravenous pumps and patient monitoring equipment in our North America segment. In addition, we also sell equipment service contracts for our capital equipment, primarily in the U.S. Approximately 8, 9 and 10 percent of our revenues were derived from these products and services in fiscal 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Patient Environment and Mobilization Solutions. These products include mobility solutions (such as lifts and other devices used to safely move patients), architectural products (such as headwalls and power columns) and health care furniture. Patient environment and mobility solutions products are sold by our North America and International segments, primarily to acute and extended care health care facilities worldwide.

Health Information Technology Solutions. We also develop and market a variety of communications technologies and software solutions. These are designed to improve patient safety and efficiency at the point of care by, among other things, enabling patient-to-staff and staff-to-staff communications, and aggregating and delivering patient data. These products are sold mainly to our North America customers.

Surgical Products. We offer a range of positioning devices for use in shoulder, hip, spinal and lithotomy surgeries as well as platform-neutral positioning accessories for nearly every model of operating room table. In addition, via our acquisition of Aspen Surgical, we offer operating room disposable products such as scalpel and blade and handle systems, disposable scalpels, skin markers and other disposable products. These products are sold by our Surgical and Respiratory Care segment.

Raw Materials

Principal materials used in our products include carbon steel, aluminum, stainless steel, wood and laminates, petroleum based products, such as foams and plastics, and other materials, substantially all of which are available from several sources. Motors and electronic controls for electrically operated beds and certain other components are purchased from one or more manufacturers.

Prices fluctuate for raw materials and sub-assemblies used in our products based on a number of factors beyond our control. Specifically, over the past several years, the fluctuating prices of certain raw materials, including metals, fuel, plastics and other petroleum based products in particular, and fuel related delivery costs, had a direct effect on our profitability. Although we generally have not engaged in hedging transactions with respect to raw material purchases, we have entered into fixed price supply contracts at times.

Most of our extended contracts with hospital GPOs and other customers for the sale of products in North America permit us to institute annual list price increases, although we may not be able to raise prices sufficiently to offset all raw material cost inflation.

Competition

In all our business segments, we compete on the basis of clinical expertise and resulting product clinical utility and ability to produce favorable outcomes, as well as value, quality, customer service, innovation and breadth and depth of product offerings. As our business segments generally sell products and services across our product categories, we evaluate our competition based on our product categories, rather than our business segments.

The following table displays our significant competitors with respect to each product category:

<u>Product Categories</u>	<u>Competitors</u>
Patient Support Systems	Stryker Corporation ArjoHuntleigh (Division of Getinge AB) Linet Stieglmeyer Invacare Joerns Healthcare
Non-Invasive Therapeutic Products	SIZEWise Rentals, LLC RecoverCare, LLC ArjoHuntleigh (Division of Getinge AB)
Medical Equipment Management and Contract Services	Universal Hospital Services, Inc. Freedom Medical, Inc.
Patient Environment and Mobility Solutions	ArjoHuntleigh (Division of Getinge AB) Guldmann Amico Modular Services Herman Miller Healthcare
Health Information Technology Solutions	Rauland-Borg Corporation Ascom Holding West-Com Nurse Call Systems, Inc. Intego Systems, Inc. SimplexGrinnell LP Jeron Electronic Systems, Inc.
Surgical Products	MizuhoOSI Tenet Medical (part of Smith & Nephew) Schuerch Medical Action Medical Myco Medical Swann-Morton

Additionally, we compete with a large number of smaller and regional manufacturers.

Regulatory Matters

FDA Regulation. We design, manufacture, install and distribute medical devices that are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) in the U.S. and similar agencies in other countries. The regulations and standards of these agencies evolve over time and require us to make changes in our manufacturing processes and quality systems to remain in compliance. The FDA’s Quality System regulations and the regulatory equivalents under the Medical Device Directive in the European Union set forth standards for our product design and manufacturing processes, require the maintenance of certain records and provide for inspections of our facilities. From time to time, the FDA performs routine inspections of our facilities and may inform us of certain deficiencies in our processes or facilities. We currently have an outstanding FDA warning letter for our Batesville facility that was received in 2012. See Item 1A. “Risk Factors” for additional information. In addition, there are also certain state and local government requirements that must be complied with in the manufacturing and marketing of our products.

Environmental. We are subject to a variety of federal, state, local and foreign environmental laws and regulations relating to environmental and health and safety concerns, including the handling, storage, discharge and disposal of hazardous materials used in or derived from our manufacturing processes. When necessary, we provide for reserves in our financial statements for environmental matters. Based on the nature and volume of materials involved regarding onsite impacts and other currently known information, we do not expect the remediation costs for any onsite environmental issues in which we are currently involved to exceed \$2 million.

Health Care Regulations. The health care industry continues to undergo significant change. In March 2010, comprehensive health care reform legislation was signed into law through the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act (H.R. 3590) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (H.R. 4872). In addition to health care reform, Medicare, Medicaid and managed care organizations, such as health maintenance organizations and preferred provider organizations, traditional indemnity insurers and third-party administrators are under increasing pressure to control costs and limit utilization, while improving quality and health care outcomes. These objectives are being advanced through a variety of reform initiatives including: value based purchasing, competitive bidding programs, etc. The potential impact of these changes to our business is discussed further in Item 1A. Risk Factors and Part II, Item 7-Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Product Development

Most of our products and product improvements have been developed internally. We maintain close working relationships with various medical professionals who assist in product research and development. New and improved products play a critical role in our sales growth. We continue to place emphasis on the development of proprietary products and product improvements to complement and expand our existing product lines. Our significant research and development activities are located in Batesville, Indiana; Cary, North Carolina; Lulea, Sweden; Montpelier and Pluvigner, France; and Singapore.

Research and development is expensed as incurred. Research and development expense for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010, was \$66.9 million, \$63.8 million and \$58.3 million.

In addition, certain software development technology costs are capitalized as intangibles and are amortized over a period of three to five years once the software is ready for its intended use. The amounts capitalized during fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 were approximately \$2.3 million, \$2.1 million and \$4.8 million.

Patents and Trademarks

We own, and from time-to-time license, a number of patents on our products and manufacturing processes, but we do not believe any single patent or related group of patents is of material significance to our business as a whole. We also own a number of trademarks and service marks relating to our products and product services. Except for the marks "Hill-Rom" and "Bard-Parker®" we do not believe any single trademark or service mark is of material significance to our business as a whole.

Foreign Operations and Export Sales

Information about our foreign operations is set forth in tables relating to geographic information in Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included herein under Part II, Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Employees

At September 30, 2012, we had approximately 6,950 employees worldwide. Approximately 240 of our employees work in our logistics and manufacturing operations in the U.S. under collective bargaining agreements. We are also subject to various collective bargaining arrangements or national agreements outside the U.S. The collective bargaining agreement at our primary U.S. manufacturing facility will expire in January 2013, and we are currently in negotiations to enter a new agreement. We have not experienced a work stoppage in the U.S. in over 40 years, and we believe that our employee relations are satisfactory.

Executive Officers

The following sets forth certain information regarding our executive officers. The term of office for each executive officer expires on the date his or her successor is chosen and qualified. No director or executive officer has a "family relationship" with any other director or executive officer of the Company, as that term is defined for purposes of this disclosure requirement. There is no understanding between any executive officer and any other person pursuant to which the executive officer was selected.

John J. Greisch, 57, was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of Hill-Rom in January 2010. Mr. Greisch was most recently President, International Operations for Baxter International, Inc., a position he held since 2006. Prior to this, he held several other positions with Baxter, serving as Baxter's Chief Financial Officer and as President of Baxter's BioScience division.

Mark Guinan, 50, was elected as our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in December 2010. Mr. Guinan previously held a variety of positions with Johnson & Johnson, most recently as the Chief Procurement Officer since October 2009. Prior to that, he served as Vice President - Finance, Global Pharmaceutical Group, and Vice President - Finance, Global R&D and Business Operations.

Andreas Frank, 36, joined Hill-Rom as Senior Vice President Corporate Development and Strategy in October 2011. Before joining Hill-Rom, Mr. Frank was Director Corporate Development at Danaher Corporation. Previously he worked in the Corporate Finance and Strategy practice at the consulting firm McKinsey & Company.

Alejandro Infante Saracho, 51, was elected Senior Vice President and President International for Hill-Rom effective May 2010. Before joining the Company, he spent more than 25 years with Hospira and Abbott serving in a number of executive positions, including President of the Americas, General Manager International Operations and Regional Director Latin America for Hospira.

Scott Jeffers, 42, was elected Senior Vice President, Global Supply Chain for Hill-Rom in September 2010. Before joining Hill-Rom, he held a number of senior operational positions in GE Healthcare including General Manager of Global Lean Enterprise; General Manager of Global Supply Chain for Life Support Solutions; and General Manager of Global Sourcing & Operational Excellence for the Clinical Systems business. Prior to joining GE, Mr. Jeffers was an officer in the United States Air Force.

Richard G. Keller, 51, was elected Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company effective August 2005. He had served as Executive Director - Controller of Hill-Rom since March 2004.

Brian Lawrence, 42, was elected Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer for Hill-Rom effective December, 2010. Mr. Lawrence joined Hill-Rom from GE Healthcare, where he was Chief Technology Officer for Life Support Solutions and held a number of other leadership and innovation positions in GE's Global Research Center.

Susan R. Lichtenstein, 55, was elected Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary for Hill-Rom effective May 2010. Previously she was Corporate Vice President and General Counsel at Baxter International, where she was responsible for global legal matters, corporate communications and government affairs.

Michael Macek, 40, was elected Treasurer in March 2011. Mr. Macek held the position of Executive Director, Treasury for Hill-Rom since 2008, and a series of financial positions with Hill-Rom since 2005.

Michael Murphy, 48, was elected as the Senior Vice President, Quality Assurance/Regulatory Affairs effective July 11, 2012. Mr. Murphy held the position of Vice President Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs for Hill-Rom since May 2011. Before joining Hill-Rom, he was at Baxter International, where he served as Vice President of Quality for Baxter's EMEA division, headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland, and as Vice President-Corporate Quality. Previously he held numerous QA/RA leadership roles at Boston Scientific and at Harnac Medical Products.

Michael Oliver, 59, was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer for Hill-Rom in March 2011. Prior to joining Hill-Rom, Mr. Oliver was the Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer for Pactiv Corporation and from 1997 to 2008 he was Senior Vice President for Brady Corporation.

Gregory Pritchard, 54, was named Senior Vice President and President, Surgical and Respiratory Care in July 2012. Previously, Mr. Pritchard served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Aspen Surgical. He has more than 25 years of experience in the health care industry, serving in management positions at American Hospital Supply, Baxter, Allegiance Healthcare and Cardinal Health.

Blair A. (Andy) Rieth, Jr., 54, was hired as Vice President of Investor Relations of the Company in June 2006. Prior to joining us, he was the Investor Relations Officer of Guidant Corporation from 2000 to 2006.

Alton Shader, 39, was elected Senior Vice President and President North America of the Company in July 2012. He had served as Senior Vice President and President, Post-Acute Care with Hill-Rom since July 2011. Before joining Hill-Rom, Mr. Shader was General Manager of Renal at Baxter International. Previously, he served as General Manager for Baxter Ireland and held senior marketing positions in Baxter's operations in Zurich and in California.

Availability of Reports and Other Information

Our website is www.Hill-Rom.com. We make available on this website, free of charge, access to our annual, quarterly and current reports and other documents we file with, or furnish to, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as soon as practicable after such reports or documents are filed or furnished. We also make available on our website position specifications for the Chairman, members of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer, our Code of Ethical Business Conduct (and any amendments or waivers), the Corporate Governance Standards of our Board of Directors and the charters of each of the standing committees of the Board of Directors. All of these documents are also available to shareholders in print upon request.

All reports filed with the SEC are also available via the SEC website, www.sec.gov, or may be read and copied at the SEC Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

Our business involves risks. The following information about these risks should be considered carefully together with the other information contained herein. The risks described below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks not currently known or deemed immaterial also may result in adverse effects on our business.

We face significant uncertainty in the industry due to government health care reform, changes in Medicare, Medicaid and other governmental medical program reimbursements, and we cannot predict how these reforms will impact our operating results.

In March 2010, the U.S. Congress adopted and President Obama signed into law comprehensive health care reform legislation through the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act (H.R. 3590) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (H.R. 4872). We cannot predict with certainty what healthcare initiatives, if any, will be implemented at the state level, or what the ultimate effect of federal health care reform or any future legislation or regulation will have on us. In addition, Medicare, Medicaid and managed care organizations are increasing pressure to both control health care utilization and to limit reimbursement. Changes in reimbursement programs or their regulations, including retroactive and prospective rate and coverage criteria changes, competitive bidding for certain products and services, and other changes intended to reduce the program expenditures, could adversely affect the portions of our businesses that are dependent on third-party reimbursement. The impact of the above mentioned items could have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations and cash flows.

Failure by us or our suppliers to comply with the FDA regulations and similar foreign regulations applicable to the products we manufacture or distribute could expose us to enforcement actions or other adverse consequences.

We design, manufacture, install and distribute medical devices that are regulated by the FDA in the U.S. and similar agencies in other countries. Failure to comply with applicable regulations could result in future product recalls, injunctions preventing the shipment of products or other enforcement actions that could have a material adverse effect on our revenues and profitability. On March 6, 2012, we received a warning letter from the FDA following an inspection by the FDA at our Batesville, Indiana production facilities. At the close of the inspection, the FDA issued a Form 483 identifying certain observed instances of non-compliance with FDA regulations. The Warning letter reiterated the items raised in the Form 483 and also identified certain instances of non-compliance with FDA requirements regarding our advertising and promotion of certain products. Although remediation efforts are underway, we cannot assure you if or when we will address all matters in the warning letter to the FDA's satisfaction. Additionally, certain of our suppliers are subject to FDA regulations, and the failure of these suppliers to comply with regulations could adversely affect us; as regulatory actions taken by the FDA against those manufacturers can result in product shortages, recalls or modifications.

We could be subject to substantial fines or damages and possible exclusion from participation in federal health care programs if we fail to comply with the laws and regulations applicable to our business.

We are subject to stringent laws and regulations at both the federal and state levels governing the participation of durable medical equipment suppliers in federal and state health care programs. In addition, we recently entered into a five-year Corporate Integrity Agreement with the U.S. Federal government, which imposes on us additional contractual obligations.

From time to time, the government seeks additional information related to our claims submissions, and in some instances government contractors perform audits of payments made to us under Medicare, Medicaid, and other federal health care programs. On occasion, these reviews identify overpayments for which we submit refunds. At other times, our own internal audits identify the need to refund payments. We anticipate that the frequency and intensity of the government audits and review processes will intensify in the future, due to increased resources allocated to these activities at both the federal and state Medicaid level, and greater sophistication in data review techniques.

If we are deemed to have violated these laws and regulations, or are found to have violated our Corporate Integrity Agreement, we could be subject to substantial fines or damages and possible exclusion from participation in federal health care programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. While we believe that our practices materially comply with applicable state and federal requirements, the requirements may be interpreted in a manner inconsistent with our interpretation. Failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations, even if inadvertent, could have a material adverse impact on our business.

We could be materially impacted if so-called “sequestration” goes into effect and federal spending reductions are implemented, or if Congress takes additional action to avoid sequestration being triggered.

The 2011 Budget Control Act called for a 12-member debt panel to develop and pass at least \$1.2 trillion in federal spending cuts over 10 years. However, since the panel failed to reach an agreement, the law, unless changed by Congress, will trigger billions of dollars in automatic cuts known as “sequestration” beginning in February 2013. At this time, we are uncertain if sequestration will occur or if Congress will change the law. Should sequestration occur, we are unable to quantify whether the impact upon us will be material. Moreover, if Congress does change the law and sequestration does not occur, we cannot predict the outcome of those changes or its impact on our results.

We participate in a highly competitive industry that is subject to the risk of declining demand and pricing pressures, which could adversely affect our operating results.

Demand for our products and services depend in large part on overall demand in the health care market. Further, the competitive pressures in our industry could cause us to lose market share unless we increase our expenditures or reduce our prices, which would adversely impact our operating results. The nature of this highly competitive marketplace demands that we successfully introduce new products into the market in a cost effective manner (more fully detailed below). These factors, along with others, may result in significant shifts in market share among the industry's major participants, including us. Accordingly, if we are unable to effectively differentiate ourselves from our competitors then our market share, sales and profitability could be adversely impacted through lower volume or decreased prices.

Our future financial performance will depend in part on the successful introduction of new products into the marketplace on a cost-effective basis.

Our future financial performance will depend in part on our ability to influence, anticipate, identify and respond to changing consumer preferences and needs. We can provide no assurances that our new products will achieve the same degree of success as in the past. We may not correctly anticipate or identify trends in consumer preferences or needs, or may identify them later than competitors do. In addition, difficulties in manufacturing or in obtaining regulatory approvals may delay or prohibit introduction of new products into the marketplace. Further, we may not be able to develop and produce new products at a cost that allows us to meet our goals for profitability. Warranty claims and service costs relating to our products may be greater than anticipated, and we may be required to devote significant resources to address any quality issues associated with our new products, which could reduce the resources available for further new product development and other matters. In addition, the introduction of new products may also cause customers to defer purchases of existing products.

Failure to successfully introduce new products on a cost-effective basis, or delays in customer purchasing decisions related to the evaluation of new products, could cause us to lose market share and could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flow.

Further adverse developments in general domestic and worldwide economic conditions and instability and disruption of credit markets could have further adverse effects on our operating results, financial condition, or liquidity.

We are subject to risks arising from adverse changes in general domestic and global economic conditions, including recession or economic slowdown and disruption of domestic and international credit markets. The credit and capital markets experienced extreme volatility and disruption over the past several years, leading to periods of recessionary conditions and depressed levels of consumer and commercial spending. These recessionary conditions caused customers to reduce, modify, delay or cancel plans to purchase our products and services. If our customers continue to reduce investments in capital expenditures or utilize their limited capital funds to invest in products that we do not offer or that do not comprise a large percentage of our product portfolio, it could negatively impact our operating results. Moreover, even if our revenues remain constant, our profitability could decline if there is a shift to sales of product mix or geographic locations with less favorable margins. If worldwide economic conditions worsen, we would expect our customers to scrutinize costs resulting from pressures on operating margin due to rising supply costs, reduced investment income and philanthropic giving, increased interest expense, reimbursement pressure, reduced elective healthcare spending and uncompensated care.

The assets in our pension plans are subject to market disruptions. In addition our pension plans are underfunded.

Our pension plans invest in a variety of equity and debt securities, including securities that have been adversely affected by the disruption in the credit and capital markets. Our pension plans were underfunded at September 30, 2012 by approximately \$81 million. Market volatility and disruption could cause further declines in asset values or fluctuations in assumptions used to value our liability and expenses. If this occurs, we may need to make additional pension plan contributions and our pension expense in future years may increase.

Our business is significantly dependent on major contracts with GPOs and IDNs.

A majority of our North American hospital sales and rentals are made pursuant to contracts with hospital GPOs. At any given time, we are typically at various stages of responding to bids and negotiating and renewing expiring GPO agreements. Failure to be included in certain of these agreements could have a material adverse effect on our business, including capital and rental revenues.

The contracting practices of GPOs change frequently to meet the needs of their member hospitals. GPOs often offer committed programs or standardization programs, where one supplier may be chosen to serve designated members that elect to participate in the program. Participation by us in such programs may require increased discounting or restrictions on our ability to raise prices, and failure to participate or to be selected for participation in such programs may result in a reduction of sales to the member hospitals. In addition, the industry is showing an increased focus on contracting directly with health systems or IDNs (which typically represents influential members and owners of GPOs). IDNs and health systems often make key purchasing decisions and have influence over the GPO's contract decisions. This presents an opportunity to have more contracts directly with customers, but these customers may request additional discounts or other enhancements.

Increased prices for, or unavailability of, raw materials or sub-assemblies used in our products could adversely affect profitability or revenues. In particular, our results of operations have been and could be further adversely affected by high prices for metals, fuel, plastics and other petroleum based products. We also procure several raw materials and sub-assemblies from single suppliers.

Our profitability is affected by the prices of the raw materials and sub-assemblies used in the manufacture of our products. These prices may fluctuate based on a number of factors beyond our control, including changes in supply and demand, general economic conditions, labor costs, fuel related delivery costs, competition, import duties, tariffs, currency exchange rates, and government regulation. Significant increases in the prices of raw materials or sub-assemblies that cannot be recovered through increases in the prices of our products could adversely affect our results of operations. There can be no assurance that the market place will support higher prices or that such prices and productivity gains will fully offset any commodity price increases in the future, especially in light of the increased pricing pressures as discussed above. We generally have not engaged in hedging transactions with respect to raw material purchases, but do enter into fixed price supply contracts at times. Future decisions not to engage in hedging transactions or ineffective hedging transactions may result in increased price volatility, potentially adversely impacting our profitability.

Our dependency upon regular deliveries of supplies from particular suppliers means that interruptions or stoppages in such deliveries could adversely affect our operations until arrangements with alternate suppliers could be made. Several of the raw materials and sub-assemblies used in the manufacture of our products currently are procured only from a single source. If any

of these sole-source suppliers were unable or unwilling to deliver these materials for an extended period of time we may not be able to manufacture one or more products for a period of time, and our business could suffer. We may not be able to find acceptable alternatives, and any such alternatives could result in increased costs. Difficulties in the credit markets could adversely affect our suppliers' access to capital and therefore their ability to continue to provide an adequate supply of the materials we use in our products.

The majority of our products are manufactured at a single facility or location, and the loss of one or more of these facilities or locations could prevent us from manufacturing all the various products we sell.

We manufacture the majority of our products in only a single facility or location. If an event occurred that resulted in material damage to one or more of these manufacturing facilities or we lacked sufficient labor to fully operate the facility, we may be unable to transfer the manufacture of the relevant products to another facility or location in a cost-effective or timely manner, if at all. This potential inability to transfer production could occur for a number of reasons, including but not limited to a lack of necessary relevant manufacturing capability at another facility, or the regulatory requirements of the FDA or other governmental regulatory bodies. Such an event would materially negatively impact our financial condition, results of operation and cash flows.

Our international sales and operations are subject to risks and uncertainties that vary by country which could have a material adverse effect on our business and/or results of operations.

International sales accounted for approximately 34 percent of our net sales in fiscal 2012. We anticipate that international sales will continue to represent a significant portion of our total sales in the future. In addition, we have multiple manufacturing facilities and third-party suppliers that are located outside of the U.S. As a result, our international sales, as well as our sales in the U.S. of products produced or sourced internationally, are subject to risks and uncertainties that can vary by country, such as political instability, economic conditions, foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, changes in tax laws, regulatory and reimbursement programs and policies, and the protection of intellectual property rights. In addition, our collections of international receivables are subject to economic pressures and the actions of some governmental authorities to initiate various austerity measures to control healthcare and other governmental spending.

Unfavorable outcomes related to uncertain tax positions could result in significant tax liabilities.

We have recorded tax benefits related to various uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. While we believe our positions are appropriate, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), state or foreign tax authorities could disagree with our positions, resulting in a significant tax payment.

We are involved on an ongoing basis in claims, lawsuits and governmental proceedings relating to our operations, as well as product liability or other liability claims that could expose us to adverse judgments or could affect the sales of our products.

We are involved in the design, manufacture and sale of health care products, which face an inherent risk of exposure to product liability claims if our products are alleged to have caused injury or are found to be unsuitable for their intended use. Amongst other claims, we are, from time to time, a party to claims and lawsuits alleging that our products have caused injury or death or are otherwise unsuitable. It is possible that we will receive adverse judgments in such lawsuits, and any such adverse judgments could be material. Although we do carry insurance with respect to such matters, this insurance is subject to varying deductibles and self-insured retentions and may not be adequate to cover the full amount of any particular claim. In addition, any such claims could negatively impact the sales of products that are the subject of such claims or other products.

We may not be able to grow if we are unable to successfully acquire and integrate, or form business relationships with, other companies.

We expect to grow our business in the future through mergers, acquisitions and other similar business arrangements. We may not be able to identify suitable acquisition candidates or business relationships, negotiate acceptable terms for such acquisitions or relationships or receive necessary financing on acceptable terms. Additionally, we may become responsible for liabilities associated with businesses that we acquire to the extent they are not covered by indemnification from the sellers or by insurance. Even if we are able to consummate acquisitions, such acquisitions could be dilutive to earnings, and we could overpay for such acquisitions. In 2012, we completed the acquisitions of German-based Völker group and Aspen Surgical. Additionally, we may not be fully successful in our integration efforts or fully realize expected benefits from the

integration. Our integration efforts may divert management and other resources from other important matters, and we could experience delays or unusual expenses in the integration process, including intangible asset impairments which could result in significant charges in our Statements of Consolidated Income. Moreover, the margins for these companies may differ from our historical gross and operating margins resulting in a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

We may not be able to attract, retain and develop key personnel.

Our future performance depends in significant part upon the continued service of our executive officers and other key personnel. The loss of the services of one or more of our executive officers or other key employees could have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations. Our success also depends on our continuing ability to attract, retain and develop highly qualified personnel, and as competition for such personnel is intense, there can be no assurance that we can do so in the future.

A portion of our workforce is unionized, and we could face labor disruptions that would interfere with our operations.

Approximately 4 percent of our employees as part of our logistics and manufacturing operations in the U.S. work under collective bargaining agreements. We are also subject to various collective bargaining arrangements or national agreements outside the U.S. covering approximately 20 percent of our employees. The collective bargaining agreement at our primary U.S. manufacturing facility will expire in January 2013 and negotiations for a new agreement are underway. Although we have not recently experienced any significant work stoppages as a result of labor disagreements, we cannot ensure that such a stoppage will not occur in the future. Inability to negotiate satisfactory new agreements or a labor disturbance at one of our principal facilities could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

We have not received any comments from the staff of the SEC regarding our periodic or current reports that remain unresolved.

Item 2. PROPERTIES

The principal properties used in our operations are listed below, and, except for our leased facilities in Acton, Massachusetts; Caledonia, Michigan; Cary, North Carolina; Chicago, Illinois, St. Paul, Minnesota; Singapore; and Redditch, UK, are owned by us subject to no material encumbrances. All facilities are suitable for their intended purpose, are being efficiently utilized and are believed to provide adequate capacity to meet demand for the next several years.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Description and Primary Use</u>
Acton, MA	Light manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment Office administration
Batesville, IN	Manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment Office administration
Caledonia, MI	Manufacturing, development and distribution of surgical products Office administration
Cary, NC	Development of health care equipment Office administration
Charleston, SC	Development and distribution of medical devices Office administration
Chicago, IL	Office administration
St. Paul, MN	Office administration
Montpellier, France	Manufacturing and development of medical devices
Pluvigner, France	Manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment Office administration
Hainichen, Germany	Manufacturing and distribution of health care equipment
Witten, Germany	Manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment Office administration
Monterrey, Mexico	Manufacturing of health care equipment
Las Piedras, Puerto Rico	Manufacturing of surgical products
Singapore	Manufacturing and development of health care equipment Office administration
Lulea, Sweden	Manufacturing, development and distribution of safe mobility and handling solutions Office administration
Redditch, UK	Manufacturing and distribution of surgical products Office administration

In addition to the foregoing, we lease or own a number of other facilities, warehouse distribution centers, service centers and sales offices throughout the U.S., Canada, Western Europe, Mexico, Australia, Middle East and the Far East.

Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

See Note 13 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included under Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K for information regarding legal proceedings in which we are involved.

Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Market Information

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "HRC". The closing price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on November 6, 2012 was \$27.82 per share. The following table reflects the range of high and low selling prices of our common stock and cash dividends declared by quarter for each of the last two fiscal years.

Quarter Ended:	Years Ended September 30					
	2012			2011		
	High	Low	Cash Dividends Declared	High	Low	Cash Dividends Declared
December 31	\$ 35.11	\$ 28.63	\$ 0.1125	\$ 43.80	\$ 35.49	\$ 0.1025
March 31	\$ 36.13	\$ 29.44	\$ 0.1250	\$ 44.00	\$ 34.89	\$ 0.1025
June 30	\$ 34.17	\$ 28.08	\$ 0.1250	\$ 47.19	\$ 37.92	\$ 0.1125
September 30	\$ 32.69	\$ 24.69	\$ 0.1250	\$ 48.80	\$ 26.90	\$ 0.1125

Holdings

As of November 6, 2012, there were approximately 20,400 shareholders of record.

Dividends

The declaration and payment of cash dividends is at the sole discretion of our Board of Directors ("Board") and depends upon many factors, including our financial condition, earnings potential, capital requirements, alternative uses of cash, covenants associated with debt obligations, legal requirements and other factors deemed relevant by our Board. We have paid cash dividends on our common stock every quarter since our initial public offering in 1971. We intend to continue to pay quarterly cash dividends equal to or greater than those paid since the spin-off of our funeral services business on April 1, 2008.

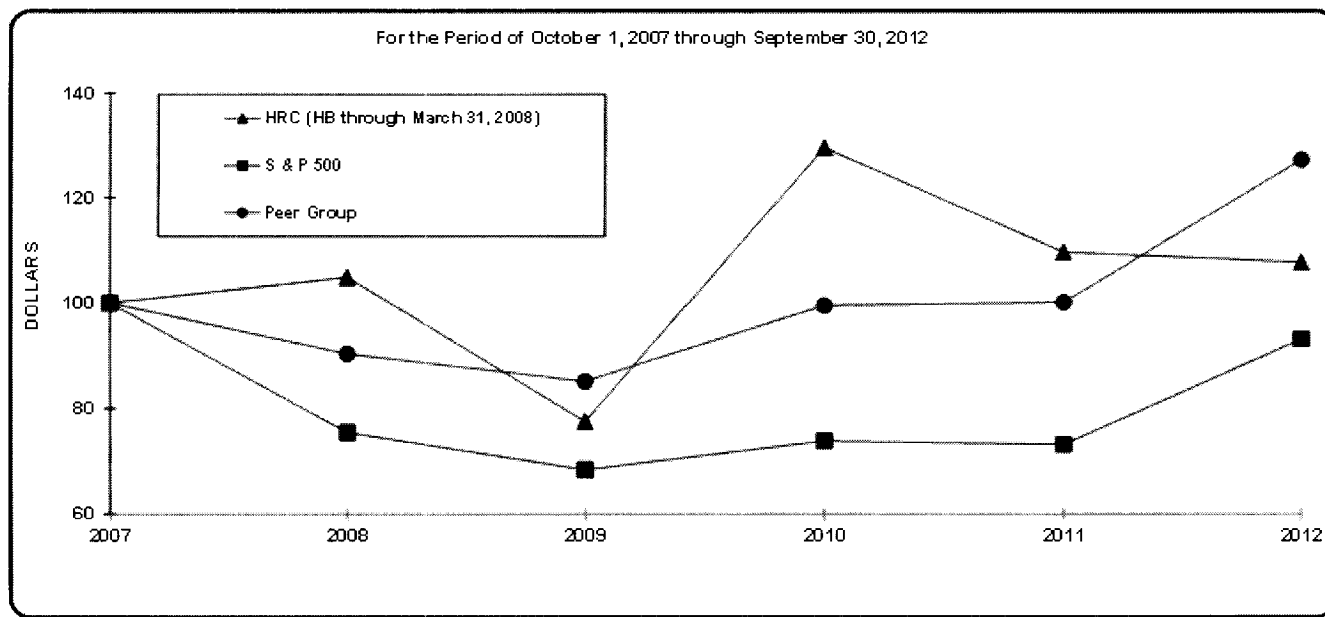
Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (2)	Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (2)
July 1, 2012 - July 31, 2012	—	\$ —	—	1,980,000
August 1, 2012 - August 31, 2012	200,779	27.09	200,000	1,780,000
September 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012	1,275,000	29.01	1,275,000	505,000
Total	<u>1,475,779</u>	<u>\$ 28.75</u>	<u>1,475,000</u>	

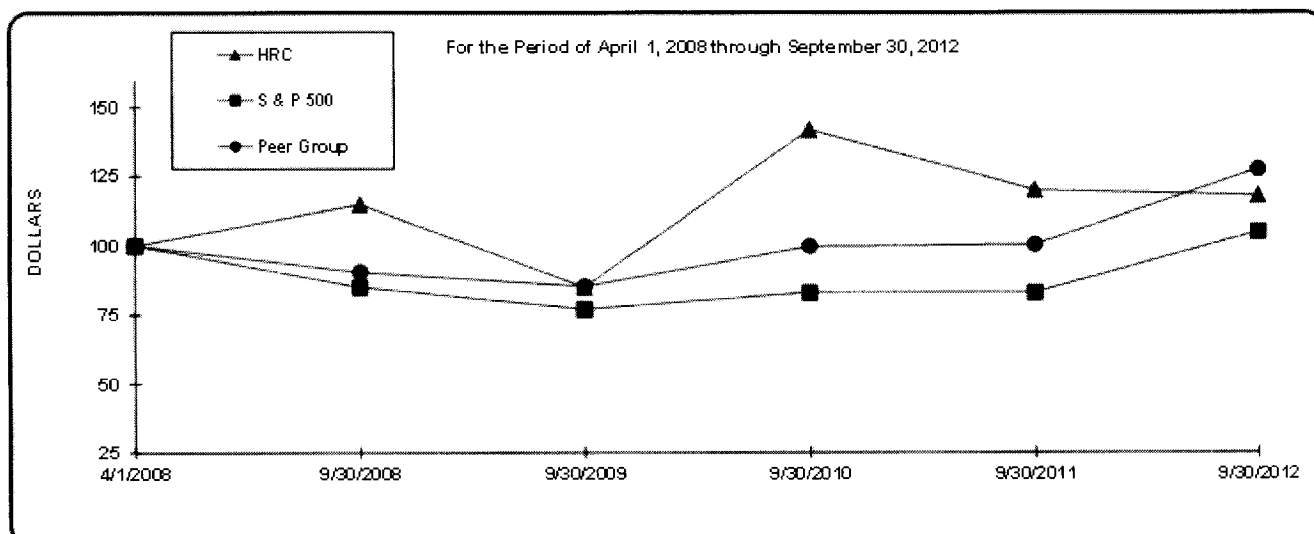
- (1) Shares purchased during the quarter ended September 30, 2012 were in connection with the share repurchase program discussed below as well as employee payroll tax withholding for restricted and deferred stock distributions.
- (2) As of September 30, 2012 the total number of shares available for repurchase was 28.7 million shares of which a cumulative total of 28.2 million shares have been repurchased under this existing authorization. The plan does not have an expiration date and currently there are no plans to terminate this program in the future. In October 2012, the Board approved an expansion of its previously announced share repurchase authorization by 3.5 million shares, bringing the total number of shares available for repurchase to 32.2 million shares.

Stock Performance Graph

The following graph compares the return on our common stock (as Hillenbrand Industries, Inc. through March 31, 2008) with that of Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index ("S&P 500 Index"), and our Peer Group* for the five years ended September 30, 2012. The graph assumes that the value of the investment in our common stock, the S&P 500 Index, and our peer group was \$100 on October 1, 2007 and that all dividends were reinvested. The spin-off of our funeral services business at March 31, 2008 was treated as a reinvestment of a special dividend effective April 1, 2008 pursuant to SEC rules. The special dividend was based on the value of one share of Hillenbrand, Inc. (the holding company for the funeral services business) which was distributed as part of the spin-off.



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
HRC (HB through March 31, 2008) \$	100	\$ 105	\$ 78	\$ 130	\$ 110	\$ 108
S & P 500.....	100	75	68	74	73	93
Peer Group.....	100	90	85	100	100	127



	April 1, 2008	September 30, 2008	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2012
HRC.....	\$ 100	\$ 115	\$ 85	\$ 142	\$ 120	\$ 118
S & P 500.....	100	85	77	83	83	105
Peer Group.....	100	91	85	100	100	128

* For purposes of the Stock Performance Graphs above, our Peer Group is comprised of: Alere Inc.; C.R. Bard, Inc.; CareFusion Corp.; Chemed Corp.; Conmed Corporation; Dentsply International Inc.; Edwards Lifesciences Corporation; Hologic, Inc.; Hospira, Inc.; IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.; Integra Lifesciences Holdings Corporation; Intuitive Surgical, Inc.; Invacare Corporation; Mednax, Inc.; Mettler-Toledo International Inc.; PerkinElmer, Inc.; ResMed Inc.; Sirona Dental Systems Labs, Inc.; Steris Corporation; Teleflex, Inc.; The Cooper Companies, Inc.; Varian Medical Systems, Inc.; West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.; and Zimmer Holdings, Inc.

Certain other information required by this item will be contained under the caption "Equity Compensation Plan Information" in our definitive Proxy Statement to be delivered to shareholders in connection with the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on March 8, 2013, and such information is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table presents our selected consolidated financial data for each of the last five fiscal years ended September 30. Statement of Consolidated Income data reflects our consolidated results on a continuing operations basis with the results of our former funeral services business reflected as discontinued operations in fiscal 2008. Balance sheet and cash flow data, for periods prior to consummation of the spin-off of the funeral services business at the end of the second fiscal quarter of 2008, have not been adjusted. Also see Note 12 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included under Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K for selected unaudited quarterly financial information for each of the last two fiscal years.

(In millions except per share data)

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Net revenues	\$ 1,634.3	\$ 1,591.7	\$ 1,469.6	\$ 1,386.9	\$ 1,507.7
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 120.8	\$ 133.5	\$ 126.0	\$ (405.0)	\$ 67.1
Income from discontinued operations.....	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 48.7
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders.....	\$ 120.8	\$ 133.3	\$ 125.3	\$ (405.0)	\$ 115.8
Income (loss) attributable to common shareholders per share					
from continuing operations - Diluted	\$ 1.94	\$ 2.09	\$ 1.97	\$ (6.47)	\$ 1.07
Income per share from discontinued operations - Diluted	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 0.78
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders per share – Diluted	\$ 1.94	\$ 2.09	\$ 1.97	\$ (6.47)	\$ 1.85
Total assets	\$ 1,627.6	\$ 1,299.1	\$ 1,245.6	\$ 1,232.6	\$ 1,689.9
Long-term obligations	\$ 237.5	\$ 50.8	\$ 98.5	\$ 99.7	\$ 100.3
Cash flows from operating activities	\$ 261.7	\$ 222.5	\$ 139.8	\$ 225.7	\$ 270.5
Capital expenditures	\$ 77.8	\$ 68.9	\$ 64.7	\$ 63.9	\$ 102.6
Cash dividends per share	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.78

Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

We are a leading worldwide manufacturer and provider of medical technologies and related services for the health care industry, including patient support systems, safe mobility and handling solutions, non-invasive therapeutic products for a variety of acute and chronic medical conditions, medical equipment rentals, surgical products and information technology solutions. Our comprehensive product and service offerings are used by health care providers across the health care continuum and around the world in hospitals, extended care facilities and home care settings, to enhance the safety and quality of patient care.

Key Factors Impacting Our Business

Industry-wide Demand and Cost Pressures. We believe that over the long term, overall patient and provider demand for health care products and services will continue to grow as a result of a number of factors, including an aging population, longer life expectancies, greater access to medical insurance through government regulation and an increasing number of sicker patients across all care settings, including hospitals, extended care facilities and in the home. In contrast, however, health care providers across the care continuum are under continued pressure to improve efficiency and control costs, possibly reducing demand for our products and services. These pressures may occur for a number of reasons, including declining commercial third-party payor reimbursement rates and government regulation. In addition, an increasing number of our customers are purchasing through GPO agreements or other large contracts, where they may be able to purchase at lower prices than they would be able to individually. Moreover, general economic pressures have caused some governmental authorities to initiate various austerity measures to control healthcare spending, reducing direct spending in addition to governmental reimbursement rates. These factors may decrease demand for our products, decrease payments to us, or both. Although we believe that industry demand will increase over time, a lack of demand growth could impact our ability to grow revenues.

Growing Desire Among Developed and Developing Countries to Invest in Health Care. While industry growth rates in more mature geographic markets such as western and northern Europe and Japan have moderated, in many other geographic markets, where the relative spending on health care is increasing, we are experiencing increasing demand for medical technologies. New hospital construction and hospital refurbishments have continued in regions such as Latin America, the Middle East and many parts of Asia. These trends could increase overall demand for our products and services.

Mergers and Acquisitions. We have made several recent acquisitions, most notably the acquisitions of Aspen Surgical and Völker. In addition, our stated capital allocation strategy anticipates that we may make additional acquisitions in the future. Our past and future acquisitions (to the extent that we make them) will materially impact our results of operations, by increasing our revenue and revenue growth rates, increasing our ongoing operational selling and administrative expenses, adding incremental acquisition and integration related costs, and creating additional non-cash charges associated with the amortization of tangible and intangible assets resulting from purchase accounting. Moreover, to the extent that we acquire businesses that have financial drivers different than our current businesses, our future results of operations will be subject to additional or different factors impacting our financial performance.

Rising Acuties and Technological Impact. As a result of the growing population of the elderly and obese, health care systems are challenged to treat rising incidences of complex diseases and conditions such as diabetes, congestive heart failure and respiratory disease. Patients are being moved through the hospital faster and generally desire to rapidly move to lower acuity settings. We believe that this increases the demand for more sophisticated means to care for these patients, such as improved medical technologies, communication tools and information technologies. The increasing utilization of these technologies and our ability to meet changing demand with new differentiated products will impact our ability to increase revenue and improve margins in the future.

Increasing Operational Efficiency. We have and will continue to undertake initiatives to improve our operating efficiency, including business realignments, employee reductions in force, product rationalizations, lower sourcing costs and continuous improvement activities in our manufacturing facilities and back office functions. Throughout the year we gradually realized the efficiencies of these multiple actions and we believe our operating expenses and margins will continue to be positively impacted, but these activities may not produce the full efficiency and cost reduction benefits we expect, in a timely fashion or at all. Further, we may utilize savings produced to reinvest in (or fund) other business priorities.

Patient and Caregiver Safety and Quality. An increasing emphasis is being placed within hospitals to assure quality of care through increased accountability and public disclosure. At the same time, caregiver shortages, worker related injuries, the aging workforce and other staffing requirements have led to increasing emphasis on caregiver injury prevention. Several pieces of legislation have been enacted over the past few years to address these areas including the "pay for performance" initiative by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") which aims to better align reimbursement with improved patient outcomes and the reduction of adverse events including bedsores (or pressure ulcers), ventilator associated pneumonia, patient falls, deep vein thrombosis and patient entrapment. Hospitals may experience reduced reimbursement for hospital acquired adverse events, making a stronger connection with these adverse events and revenue levels. A number of the top adverse events and preventable medical errors in U.S. hospitals, including those listed above can be mitigated in part by our technologies, processes and services. We are well positioned to benefit from the emphasis being placed on patient safety due to our products and technologies that are designed to assist providers in materially improving outcomes associated with patients confined to beds across all care settings.

Related to caregiver safety, certain countries in Europe have established legislation that has mandated that patient lifts be available in hospitals. In the U.S., several states have enacted or introduced legislation and, most recently, The Nurse and Health Care Worker Protection Act of 2009 was introduced in Congress aimed at eliminating manual patient lifts and transfers. We believe that our products and services seek to address these concerns through novel application of technology, clinical and ergonomic science, and customer feedback. Overall increasing emphasis on patient and caregiver safety and quality could increase demand for our products and services.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The accompanying consolidated financial statements, including the related notes, are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ("GAAP"). We provide adjusted income before income taxes, income tax expense and diluted earnings per share results because we use these measures internally for planning, forecasting and evaluating the performance of the business.

In addition, we analyze net revenues on a constant currency basis to better measure the comparability of results between periods. We believe that evaluating growth in net revenues on a constant currency basis provides an additional and meaningful assessment to both management and investors.

We believe use of these non-GAAP measures contribute to an understanding of our financial performance and provide an additional analytical tool to understand our results from core operations and to reveal underlying trends. These measures should not, however, be considered in isolation, as a substitute for, or as superior to measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table presents comparative operating results for the years discussed within Management's Discussion and Analysis:

	Years Ended September 30					
	2012	% of Related Revenues	2011	% of Related Revenues	2010	% of Related Revenues
<i>(In millions except per share data)</i>						
Net Revenues						
Capital sales.....	\$ 1,198.2	73.3%	\$ 1,119.0	70.3%	\$ 996.6	67.8%
Rental revenues	436.1	26.7%	472.7	29.7%	473.0	32.2%
Total Revenues	1,634.3	100.0%	1,591.7	100.0%	1,469.6	100.0%
Gross Profit						
Capital sales.....	507.8	42.4%	512.2	45.8%	448.0	45.0%
Rental revenues	246.9	56.6%	269.1	56.9%	268.6	56.8%
Total Gross Profit	754.7	46.2%	781.3	49.1%	716.6	48.8%
Research and development expenses	66.9	4.1%	63.8	4.0%	58.3	4.0%
Selling and administrative expenses	496.4	30.4%	502.0	31.5%	474.6	32.3%
Litigation (credit) charge.....	(3.6)	-0.2%	47.3	3.0%	(21.2)	-1.4%
Impairment of goodwill and other intangibles.....	8.0	0.5%	—	—	—	—
Special charges	18.2	1.1%	1.4	0.1%	13.2	0.9%
Operating Profit	168.8	10.3%	166.8	10.5%	191.7	13.0%
Other income (expense), net	(5.3)	-0.3%	(7.1)	-0.4%	(8.8)	-0.6%
Income Before Income Taxes	163.5	10.0%	159.7	10.0%	182.9	12.4%
Income tax expense	42.7	2.6%	26.2	1.6%	56.9	3.9%
Net Income	120.8	7.4%	133.5	8.4%	126.0	8.6%
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest.....	—	—	0.2	—	0.7	—
Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders	\$ 120.8	7.4%	\$ 133.3	8.4%	\$ 125.3	8.5%
Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders per Common Share – Diluted	\$ 1.94		\$ 2.09		\$ 1.97	

Note: Certain percentage amounts may not add due to rounding.

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2012 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2011

Consolidated Results of Operations

In this section, we provide a high-level overview of our consolidated results of operations. Immediately following this section is a discussion of our results of operations by reportable segment.

Net Revenues

	Years Ended September 30		Percentage Change	
	2012	2011	As Reported	Constant Currency
<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>				
Revenues:				
Capital sales	\$ 1,198.2	\$ 1,119.0	7.1	8.9
Rental revenues	436.1	472.7	(7.7)	(7.0)
Total Revenues	\$ 1,634.3	\$ 1,591.7	2.7	4.2

Capital sales increased, primarily as a result of incremental sales due to our Völker and Aspen Surgical acquisitions. Sales in our International segment also increased due to strong growth in the Middle East and Eastern European regions, partially offset by lower Western European revenues. North America capital sales declined for the year, where patient support system sales decreased 9.7 percent on lower volumes and hospital spending pressure.

Rental revenues declined in all segments on lower volumes and unfavorable pricing in select areas. In our North America segment, revenues were down in all lines of business, with the largest percentage decline coming in our home care business where certain restructuring actions were taken in the current year. Rental revenues in Surgical and Respiratory Care decreased on lower volumes and pricing pressures in our respiratory care business. International rental revenues were also down, primarily on unfavorable currency effects.

Gross Profit

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	Percentage Change
<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>			
Gross Profit			
Capital sales	\$ 507.8	\$ 512.2	(0.9)
Percent of Related Revenues	42.4%	45.8%	
Rental revenues	\$ 246.9	\$ 269.1	(8.2)
Percent of Related Revenues	56.6%	56.9%	
Total Gross Profit	\$ 754.7	\$ 781.3	(3.4)
Percent of Related Revenues	46.2%	49.1%	

Capital gross profit was down only slightly on higher revenues, while gross margin (as a percentage of revenues) decreased 340 basis points. The decline was due to a number of factors, most notably an unfavorable field corrective action of \$16.0 million, unfavorable geographic and product mix, higher commodity and fuel pricing, unfavorable acquisition costs associated with the step-up of acquired inventories and generally lower margins associated with Völker products.

Rental gross profit decreased 8.2 percent and gross margin declined 30 basis points, due to lower revenues and the resulting reduced leverage of our fleet and field service infrastructure as revenues declined quicker than our costs. Partially offsetting this decline was the recognized gain of \$6.5 million related to a completed vendor product recall matter, which exceeded the gain of \$2.3 million for the same product recall in the prior year.

Other

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	Percentage Change
<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>			
Research and development expenses	\$ 66.9	\$ 63.8	4.9
Percent of Total Revenues	4.1%	4.0%	
Selling and administrative expenses	\$ 496.4	\$ 502.0	(1.1)
Percent of Total Revenues	30.4%	31.5%	
Litigation (credit) charge	\$ (3.6)	\$ 47.3	n/a
Impairment of goodwill and other intangibles	\$ 8.0	\$ —	n/a
Special charges	\$ 18.2	\$ 1.4	n/a
Interest expense	\$ (6.5)	\$ (8.5)	(23.5)
Investment income and other, net	\$ 1.2	\$ 1.4	(14.3)

Research and development expenses increased 4.9 percent as we continue to increase our organic investments in new products. Selling and administrative expenses declined as a percentage of revenues by 110 basis points as the incremental expenses added with recent acquisitions and the associated acquisition and integration costs were more than offset by lower personnel costs, including lower incentive compensation costs, and lower legal costs.

During the fourth quarter of 2012, we reached a favorable litigation settlement of \$3.6 million, net of legal fees, related to a patent litigation suit. During fiscal 2011, we recorded a litigation charge of \$42.3 million in conjunction with reaching an agreement to settle a United States Office of Inspector General's ("OIG") investigation. Also during fiscal 2011, we reached a settlement with Freedom Medical, Inc. with respect to an antitrust matter resulting in a litigation charge of \$5.0 million.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$8.0 million related to a previously acquired trade name whose assessment was triggered by strategic changes in how the asset would be utilized on a go forward basis. Also at that time, we announced a plan to improve our cost structure and streamline our organization by, among other things, eliminating approximately 200 positions across the Company resulting in a special charge of \$9.3 million, net of reversals, primarily related to severance and other benefits provided to the effected employees. We also recorded an impairment of certain tangible assets for which the carrying values could not be fully recovered as a result of various strategic decisions, which resulted in a non-cash charge of \$3.2 million. These actions and the related cash expenditures were substantially complete by the end of fiscal year 2012, but some will be paid in fiscal 2013. The actions are anticipated to yield annualized cost savings of approximately \$18 million after full implementation.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$4.7 million for certain tangible assets for which the carrying values could not be fully recovered as a result of strategic decisions made relative to the exiting of underperforming portions of our home care business. Also associated with this action was the elimination of approximately 100 positions and the related charge of \$1.0 million, primarily related to severance and other benefits to be provided to the effected employees. These actions and the related cash expenditures are expected to be completed by the end of fiscal year 2013.

During fiscal 2011, we recorded net special charges of \$1.4 million primarily related to a combination of severance activities associated with our 2010 restructuring activities and additional write downs of assets held for sale related to our aviation assets.

Interest expense was lower for the year on lower interest rates and borrowings for most of the year. During the first quarter of fiscal 2012, we repaid \$47.5 million of unsecured debentures carrying an interest rate of 8.5 percent, lowering our outstanding borrowings. Then during the fourth quarter in conjunction with the Aspen Surgical acquisition, we borrowed an additional \$260 million at more favorable rates, however given the interim period in between with reduced borrowings, our total amount of interest expense was reduced for the year.

GAAP and Adjusted Earnings

	Years Ended September 30					
	2012			2011		
	Income Before Income Taxes	Income Tax Expense	Diluted EPS (1)	Income Before Income Taxes and NCI (1) (2)	Income Tax Expense (1)	Diluted EPS
<i>(Dollars in millions, except for per share amounts)</i>						
GAAP Earnings	\$ 163.5	\$ 42.7	\$ 1.94	\$ 159.7	\$ 26.2	\$ 2.09
Adjustments:						
Vendor product recall	(6.5)	(2.5)	(0.06)	(2.3)	(0.9)	(0.02)
Acquisition and integration costs	11.7	2.9	0.14	1.0	0.4	0.01
Special charges	18.2	6.8	0.18	1.4	0.5	0.01
Impairment of other intangibles	8.0	2.1	0.09	—	—	—
Field corrective action	16.0	5.9	0.16	—	—	—
Litigation (credit) charge	(3.6)	(1.3)	(0.04)	47.3	14.2	0.52
International tax reorganization and recognition of unrecognized tax attributes	—	11.0	(0.18)	—	21.5	(0.34)
Adjusted Earnings	<u>\$ 207.3</u>	<u>\$ 67.6</u>	<u>\$ 2.24</u>	<u>\$ 207.2</u>	<u>\$ 61.8</u>	<u>\$ 2.27</u>

(1) May not add due to rounding.

(2) NCI refers to our noncontrolling interest in our former Encompass joint venture.

The tax rate for fiscal 2012 was 26.1 percent compared to 16.4 percent in the prior year. The effective rates for both fiscal 2012 and 2011 were favorably impacted by the recognition of discrete period tax benefits. The effective tax rate for 2012 was favorably impacted by the \$11.0 million of tax benefits related to the international tax reorganization efforts in the fourth quarter. The lower rate in 2011 is due primarily to the fourth quarter recognition of \$21.5 million of previously unrecognized tax benefits associated predominantly with international operating loss carryforwards, as well as higher earnings in lower tax rate jurisdictions and the reinstatement of the research and development tax credit.

The adjusted effective tax rates were 32.6 and 29.8 percent for fiscal years 2012 and 2011. The lower rate in 2011 is due primarily to the benefit of higher earnings in lower tax rate jurisdictions as well as the benefit and reinstatement of the research and development tax credit. For fiscal 2011, we entered the year with no allowable credit, but its reinstatement in the first quarter allowed for a full year's benefit in 2011 as well as required a retroactive "catch up" of previously unrecognized credits. For fiscal 2012, the credit expired at the end of our first quarter.

Net income attributable to common shareholders was \$120.8 million compared to \$133.3 million in the prior year period. On an adjusted basis, net income attributable to common shareholders decreased \$5.5 million, or 3.8 percent. Diluted earnings per share decreased from \$2.09 in the prior year to \$1.94 in the current year on a reported basis and on an adjusted basis decreased \$0.03 to \$2.24 per diluted share.

Business Segment Results of Operations

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we changed our segment reporting to reflect changes in our organizational structure and management's view of the business. As part of these changes, we combined the North America Acute Care and components of the North America Post-Acute Care segments into a new North America segment. At the same time we created the Surgical and Respiratory Care segment which contains the surgical reporting unit (formerly part of the North America Acute Care segment), the respiratory care reporting unit (formerly part of the North America Post-Acute Care segment) and the recently acquired Aspen Surgical business. There were no changes to the International segment. The prior year segment information included below has been updated to reflect these changes.

<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>	<u>Years Ended September 30</u>		<u>Percentage Change</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>As Reported</u>	<u>Constant Currency</u>
Revenues:				
North America	\$ 998.2	\$ 1,057.2	(5.6)	(5.5)
Surgical and Respiratory Care	153.2	132.9	15.3	15.3
International	482.9	401.6	20.2	25.8
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,634.3</u>	<u>\$ 1,591.7</u>	2.7	4.2
Divisional income:				
North America	\$ 198.9	\$ 230.6	(13.7)	
Surgical and Respiratory Care	38.1	40.0	(4.8)	
International	18.6	27.9	(33.3)	
Corporate expenses	(64.2)	(83.0)	(22.7)	
Total divisional income	<u>\$ 191.4</u>	<u>\$ 215.5</u>	(11.2)	

North America

North America capital sales were down 4.5 percent related primarily to volume declines in our patient support systems sales, which were down 9.7 percent in a difficult North American healthcare environment with continued pressure on capital spending. This decline was partially offset by stronger sales from our healthcare information technology business. Rental revenues declined 7.9 percent, with declines in all care settings and in our two product groupings of therapy and movable medical equipment. Volume declines in these product groupings are attributable to the lower indications of flu, continued initiatives by hospitals to control operating costs and competitive pressures. The largest percentage decline in rental revenues came from our home care business where certain restructuring actions were taken in the current year.

North America divisional income decreased due primarily to the lower operating income generated in response to the lower revenues, along with the impact of a field corrective action of \$16.0 million. This decline was only partially offset by operating expense favorability. Capital margins declined, impacted by the field corrective action, while rental margins remained flat despite the impact of declining revenues due to gains recognized in connection with a vendor product recall of \$6.5 million in the current year compared to \$2.3 million for the same product recall in the prior year. Operating expenses were favorable primarily due to lower personnel costs, including variable and incentive compensation.

Surgical and Respiratory Care

Surgical and Respiratory Care capital sales increased 42.6 percent due primarily to sales included from our fourth quarter acquisition of Aspen Surgical. Excluding Aspen Surgical, capital revenues increased 4.5 percent. Rental revenues decreased 7.4 percent as a result of lower rental volumes in our respiratory care product line as well as continued pricing pressures.

Divisional income for the segment decreased due to a decline in gross profit related to a generally lower margin on Aspen Surgical products compared to the other businesses in the segment, as well as the effects of acquisition and integration costs, including inventory step-up, associated with the purchase of Aspen Surgical. Rental gross profit decreased and gross margin declined as revenues decreased quicker than our costs.

International

International capital sales increased 24.7 percent and 30.2 percent on a constant currency basis, due to sales included from our second quarter fiscal 2012 acquisition of Völker, as well as strong sales in the Middle East and Eastern European regions coming from large tender wins. This favorability was partially offset by lower Western European revenues coming from a difficult business environment. Rental revenues declined by 7.2 percent on a reported basis and 1.4 percent on a constant currency basis. The rental decrease not related to currency effects was primarily the result of increasing price pressures.

International divisional income declined despite the stronger revenues. Gross profit increased on higher revenues while gross margins declined related to generally lower margins associated with Völker products, lower margins on certain tender wins, unfavorable product mix and slightly higher commodity pricing, along with higher fuel pricing. Operating expenses also increased related primarily to costs introduced by our recent acquisitions, including Völker in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and the Liko Distributors in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011.

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2011 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2010

Consolidated Results of Operations

In this section, we provide a high-level overview of our consolidated results of operations. Immediately following this section is a discussion of our results of operations by reportable segment.

Net Revenues

<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>	<u>Years Ended September 30</u>		<u>Percentage Change</u>	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>As Reported</u>	<u>Constant Currency</u>
Revenues:				
Capital sales	\$ 1,119.0	\$ 996.6	12.3	10.8
Rental revenues	472.7	473.0	(0.1)	(0.6)
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 1,591.7</u>	<u>\$ 1,469.6</u>	8.3	7.2

Capital sales increased across all three segments, led by a 17.9 percent increase in North America where patient support systems sales increased 28.1 percent on higher volumes and improved hospital capital spending. On a reported basis International capital sales were up, but on a constant currency basis, sales were essentially flat as volume growth in Latin America was offset by declines in the Middle East, Asia-Pacific and Europe.

Rental revenues were consistent with the prior year. Growth in respiratory care revenues and the effects of favorable foreign exchange rates were offset by volume declines in the first part of the year due to a weaker influenza season compared to 2010, which impacted both our therapy rental and moveable medical equipment businesses.

Gross Profit

<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>	Years Ended September 30		
	2011	2010	Percentage Change
Gross Profit.....			
Capital sales	\$ 512.2	\$ 448.0	14.3
Percent of Related Revenues	45.8%	45.0%	
Rental revenues.....	\$ 269.1	\$ 268.6	0.2
Percent of Related Revenues	56.9%	56.8%	
Total Gross Profit	\$ 781.3	\$ 716.6	9.0
Percent of Related Revenues.....	49.1%	48.8%	

Capital sales gross profit increased 14.3 percent on higher volumes while gross margin increased by 80 basis points, primarily due to improved geographic and product mix and slightly improved costs on a full year basis. Fiscal 2011 gross margin also included a \$2.6 million warranty charge for two product retrofits.

Rental revenue gross profit was essentially flat and gross margin was also relatively unchanged. In fiscal 2011, a gain of 2.3 million was recognized in connection with a vendor's product recall. Absent such gains, gross margins would have declined due to slight increases in depreciation and field service costs on flat revenues.

Other

<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>	Years Ended September 30		
	2011	2010	Percentage Change
Research and development expenses	\$ 63.8	\$ 58.3	9.4
Percent of Total Revenues.....	4.0%	4.0%	
Selling and administrative expenses	\$ 502.0	\$ 474.6	5.8
Percent of Total Revenues.....	31.5%	32.3%	
Litigation charge (credit)	\$ 47.3	\$ (21.2)	n/a
Special charges	\$ 1.4	\$ 13.2	n/a
Interest expense	\$ (8.5)	\$ (8.7)	(2.3)
Investment income and other, net	\$ 1.4	\$ (0.1)	n/a

Research and development expenses increased 9.4 percent as part of management's focus to increase investment in new product development. While selling and administrative expenses grew in aggregate, as a percentage of sales the expenses decreased by 80 basis points. The increase in expense resulted from increases in legal costs for litigation and patent related matters, costs associated with the upgrade of our information technology platform, increases in selling expenses led by higher commissions on the increased sales, higher variable compensation costs and the unfavorable impact of foreign exchange rates. In addition, selling and administrative expenses in fiscal 2011 included approximately \$3 million of costs related to community donations and severance. Those higher costs were partially offset by lower marketing costs and improved employee benefit rates year-over-year.

During fiscal 2011, we recorded a litigation charge of \$42.3 million in conjunction with reaching an agreement to settle a United States Office of Inspector General's ("OIG") investigation. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011, we also reached a settlement with Freedom Medical, Inc. with respect to an antitrust matter resulting in a litigation charge of \$5.0 million. During fiscal 2010, we reversed a \$21.2 million litigation accrual as the statute of limitations expired for any additional claims to be filed from those plaintiffs that opted out of the fiscal 2005 Spartanburg antitrust settlement.

During fiscal 2011, we recorded special charges of a net \$1.4 million primarily related to a combination of severance activities associated with our 2010 restructuring activities and additional write downs of assets held for sale related to our aviation assets. During fiscal 2010, we took restructuring actions and recorded an asset write down charge of \$3.9 million related to our aviation assets. Two separate restructuring actions resulted in the elimination of approximately 260 positions and cumulative special charges of \$9.3 million primarily related to severance and other benefits provided to affected employees. The majority of the cash expenditures associated with the severance was completed by the end of our 2011 fiscal year with the remainder paid in fiscal 2012.

GAAP and Adjusted Earnings

	Years Ended September 30					
	2011			2010		
	Income Before Income Taxes and NCI (1) (2)	Income Tax Expense (1)	Diluted EPS	Income Before Income Taxes and NCI (2)	Income Tax Expense	Diluted EPS (1)
<i>(Dollars in millions, except for per share amounts)</i>						
GAAP Earnings.....	\$ 159.7	\$ 26.2	\$ 2.09	\$ 182.9	\$ 56.9	\$ 1.97
Adjustments:						
Litigation charge (credit).....	47.3	14.2	0.52	(21.2)	(8.3)	(0.20)
Vendor product recall.....	(2.3)	(0.9)	(0.02)	—	—	—
Special charges.....	1.4	0.5	0.01	13.2	5.0	0.13
Acquisition and integration costs.....	1.0	0.4	0.01	—	—	—
Recognition of previously unrecognized tax attributes.....	—	21.5	(0.34)	—	—	—
Gain on sale of non-strategic assets.....	—	—	—	—	1.7	(0.03)
Tax settlement.....	—	—	—	—	6.5	(0.10)
Adjusted Earnings.....	<u>\$ 207.2</u>	<u>\$ 61.8</u>	<u>\$ 2.27</u>	<u>\$ 174.9</u>	<u>\$ 61.8</u>	<u>\$ 1.76</u>

(1) May not add due to rounding.

(2) NCI refers to our noncontrolling interest in our former Encompass joint venture.

The tax rate for fiscal 2011 was 16.4 percent compared to 31.1 percent in the prior year. The effective rates for both fiscal 2011 and 2010 were favorably impacted by the recognition of discrete period tax benefits. The lower rate in 2011 is due primarily to the fourth quarter recognition of \$21.5 million of previously unrecognized tax benefits associated predominantly with international operating loss carryforwards, as well as increased earnings in lower tax rate jurisdictions and the reinstatement of the research and development tax credit. The effective tax rate for 2010 was favorably impacted by the resolution of an income tax matter with the IRS of \$6.5 million.

The adjusted effective tax rates were 29.8 and 35.3 percent for fiscal years 2011 and 2010. The lower rate in 2011 is due primarily to the benefit of increased earnings in lower tax rate jurisdictions as well as the reinstatement of the research and development tax credit. For fiscal 2011, we entered the year with no allowable credit, but its reinstatement in the first quarter allowed for a full year's benefit in 2011 as well as required a retroactive "catch up" of previously unrecognized credits. For fiscal 2010, the credit had expired at the end of our first quarter.

Net income attributable to common shareholders was \$133.3 million in fiscal 2011. On an adjusted basis, net income attributable to common shareholders increased \$32.8 million, representing an increase of 29.2 percent. Diluted earnings per share increased 6.1 percent to \$2.09 and on an adjusted basis increased 29.0 percent to \$2.27.

Business Segment Results of Operations

The prior year segment information included below has been updated to reflect the previously discussed segment changes.

<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>	<u>Years Ended September 30</u>		<u>Percentage Change</u>	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>As Reported</u>	<u>Constant Currency</u>
Revenues:				
North America	\$ 1,057.2	\$ 958.2	10.3	10.0
Surgical and Respiratory	132.9	123.3	7.8	7.8
International	401.6	388.1	3.5	0.1
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,591.7</u>	<u>\$ 1,469.6</u>	8.3	7.2
Divisional income:				
North America	\$ 230.6	\$ 185.7	24.2	
Surgical and Respiratory	40.0	38.1	5.0	
International	27.9	29.9	(6.7)	
Corporate expenses	(83.0)	(70.0)	18.6	
Total divisional income	<u>\$ 215.5</u>	<u>\$ 183.7</u>	17.3	

North America

North America capital sales increased 17.9 percent, the result of higher volumes in nearly all product categories led by our patient support systems, which increased 28.1 percent. Information technology and patient lifting products also posted solid gains. Rental revenues decreased 2.6 percent due in part to a decline in rentals in the first part of the year driven by a weaker influenza season compared to the prior year, which impacted both our therapy rental and moveable medical equipment businesses. In addition, we also experienced declines in rental revenues in both our extended care and home care businesses.

North America divisional income increased significantly due to the increase in capital gross profit resulting from higher volumes and favorable product mix experienced during the year, partially offset by the cost of product retrofits. Rental gross profit was down slightly on the lower revenues, but rental margins were generally consistent with the prior year despite slightly higher field service costs and depreciation due to a \$2.3 million gain recognized in connection with a vendor's product recall. Operating expenses were slightly higher primarily as a result of new product investments and increased variable compensation, including commissions.

Surgical and Respiratory Care

Surgical and Respiratory Care capital sales increased 5.8 percent, which benefited from double-digit growth in our respiratory care business. Rental revenues increased 9.5 percent driven by an increase in rental volumes of The Vest® respiratory care system.

The increase in divisional income for the Surgical and Respiratory Care division was driven by the higher gross profit on increased revenues, which more than offset slightly higher operating expenses for new product investments and increased variable compensation, including commissions.

International

International capital sales increased 3.3 percent and were flat on a constant currency basis as volume growth in Latin America was offset by declines in the Middle East, Asia-Pacific and Europe. Rental revenues increased 4.9 percent and 1.5 percent on a constant currency basis. The increase in rental revenues was primarily the result of a recent bariatric product introduction in Europe.

International gross profit increased due to favorable foreign exchange impacts and improved rental gross margin rates on flat costs, despite the costs of product retrofits. However, divisional income declined due to increased operating expenses related to investments in new product development, severance and infrastructure costs and the effect of unfavorable foreign exchange rates.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Cash Flows Provided By (Used In):			
Operating activities	\$ 261.7	\$ 222.5	\$ 139.8
Investing activities	(539.5)	(78.0)	(38.2)
Financing activities	135.6	(101.9)	(87.4)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	1.9	(2.5)	(0.3)
(Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ (140.3)	\$ 40.1	\$ 13.9

Net cash flows from operating activities and selected borrowings have represented our primary sources of funds for growth of the business, including capital expenditures and acquisitions. Our financing agreements contain no restrictive provisions or conditions relating to dividend payments, working capital or additional unsecured indebtedness (except to the extent that a dividend payment or incurrence of additional unsecured indebtedness would result in a default under our financing agreements), but there are limitations with respect to secured indebtedness. Our debt agreements also contain no credit rating triggers. Credit rating changes can, however, impact the cost of borrowings under our financing agreements.

Operating Activities

Our cash flows from operations during fiscal 2012 were driven by net income and improved working capital, including collections on high prior year-end receivables, adjusted by non-cash expenses related to depreciation and amortization, stock compensation, asset impairments and deferred taxes. These sources of cash were offset by the payout of our performance-based compensation related to our 2011 fiscal year.

Fiscal 2012 operating cash flows were higher compared to fiscal 2011 primarily due to improved working capital, including a decrease in organic year-end receivables, and stable organic accounts payable compared to a large decrease in prior year, partially offset by lower net income.

Our cash flows from operations during fiscal 2011 were driven by net income, adjusted by non-cash expenses related to depreciation and amortization, stock compensation and deferred taxes. These net sources of cash were partially offset by the payout of our performance-based compensation and restructuring accruals related to our 2010 fiscal year. Cash flows from changes in working capital were relatively flat during fiscal 2011 with improvements in inventories and other assets/liabilities offset by higher receivables on increased fourth quarter sales and lower accounts payable.

The increase in fiscal 2011 operating cash flows was due to improved financial performance, along with the timing of tax payments as well as lower pension contributions in the current year. Partially offsetting this improvement was the payment of \$47.3 million in litigation settlements in the fourth quarter of 2011, increased year-end receivables from higher fourth quarter sales and higher payouts of performance-based compensation in fiscal 2011.

Fiscal 2010 cash flows from operations were driven primarily by net income, adjusted by non-cash expenses related to depreciation and amortization, stock compensation, deferred taxes and the release of a \$21.2 million reserve related to a litigation credit. Uses of cash included \$52.3 million of pension funding, increased income tax payments on higher net income and the settlement of prior year tax audits, and investments in inventory to meet our increasing backlog position.

Investing Activities

Our use of investing cash flows during fiscal 2012 was driven primarily by our acquisitions of Aspen Surgical (\$399.8 million) and Völker (\$77.0 million) as well as capital expenditures.

The significant acquisition activity in 2012 drove the increased use of cash compared to 2011, along with and to a lesser extent, capital expenditures, which increased year-over-year.

Cash flows during fiscal 2011 were driven primarily by capital expenditures and to a lesser extent our acquisition of two Liko distributors.

The increase in 2011 net cash used in investing activities compared to fiscal 2010 was primarily due to lower proceeds received from the sale or calls of our auction rate securities, higher business acquisition payments and capital expenditures in fiscal 2011.

In fiscal 2010, our receipt of proceeds from the sale of a portion of our auction rate securities was more than offset by our cash used in investing activities related to capital expenditures and an investment in a joint venture.

Financing Activities

Cash provided by financing activities in fiscal 2012 primarily related to \$260.0 million of additional borrowings, partially offset by debt payments of \$50.0 million, shares repurchased in the open market of \$42.4 million and dividend payments to our shareholders of \$30.1 million.

Our cash provided by financing activities in fiscal 2012 compared to our use of cash in financing activities in fiscal 2011 were primarily driven by our cash borrowings in fiscal 2012 and higher share repurchases in fiscal 2011.

In fiscal 2011, our use of cash for financing activities was primarily driven by \$110.0 million related to share repurchases in the open market and \$27.0 million of dividend payments to our shareholders, along with the purchase of the remaining interest in a former joint venture. These uses of cash were partially offset by cash proceeds from stock option exercises and other stock issuances under our employee stock purchase plan.

Our higher use of cash from financing activities in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010 was due primarily to an increase in stock repurchases. Also impacting the variance was the purchase of the noncontrolling interest in our joint venture, offset by significant debt repayments in fiscal 2010 and higher proceeds from stock option exercises in fiscal 2011.

Our use of cash for financing activities during fiscal 2010 consisted mainly of a \$45.0 million payment on our revolving credit facility, \$34.5 million related to our share repurchases in the open market and \$25.8 million in dividend payments to our shareholders. These uses of cash were partially offset by cash proceeds from stock option exercises.

Our debt-to-capital ratio was 30.3, 16.9 and 17.6 percent at September 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010. The change in 2012 was primarily due to our debt more than doubling to fund the 2012 acquisitions. The change from fiscal 2010 to fiscal 2011 was primarily due to higher net income, partially offset by share repurchases, which combined to produce higher shareholder's equity.

Other Liquidity Matters

Net cash flows from operating activities and selected borrowings have represented our primary sources of funds for growth of the business, including capital expenditures and acquisitions.

As of September 30, 2012, we held investment securities with a fair value of \$7.3 million, which consisted of AAA rated student loan auction rate securities. We have estimated the current fair value of our portfolio of auction rate securities based upon guidance provided by our investment advisors, including consideration of the credit quality of the underlying securities and the provisions of the respective security agreements. At September 30, 2012, we have recorded temporary unrealized losses totaling \$0.5 million on these securities to reflect the estimated decline in fair value associated with the current illiquidity in the auction rate market. If current market conditions do not improve or worsen, the result could be further realized or unrealized losses or impairments and liquidity and earnings could be adversely affected.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we entered into a new credit facility. The new credit facility provides for revolving loans of up to \$500.0 million, plus term loans in the aggregate amount of \$200.0 million. It is to be used for general corporate purposes, including financing permitted acquisitions. The Company may request to increase the revolving loan commitment and the amount of the term loans by up to an additional \$250.0 million. All amounts due under the new credit facility mature upon expiration on August 24, 2017. The term loans will amortize so that 37.5 percent of the principal will be repaid over the five year term, with the balance due at maturity. The new credit facility replaces in its entirety our previous \$500.0 million credit agreement dated March 28, 2008, as amended, which was scheduled to expire in March 2013. Borrowings under the credit facility and term loan bear interest at variable rates specified therein, that for fiscal 2012

were under 2.0 percent, and the availability of borrowings is subject to our ability at the time of borrowing to meet certain specified conditions, including compliance with covenants contained in the credit agreement governing the facility.

As of September 30, 2012, we had outstanding borrowings of \$105.0 million and undrawn letters of credit of \$5.8 million under the \$500.0 million five-year facility, leaving \$389.2 million of borrowing capacity available under the facility. The outstanding balance on the term loan was \$197.5 million at September 30, 2012, of which \$10.0 million is recognized as the current portion of the balance due.

We also have trade finance credit lines and uncommitted letter of credit facilities. These lines are associated with the normal course of business and do not currently, nor have they historically, been of a material size to the overall business.

We have \$49.4 million of senior notes outstanding at various fixed interest rates as of September 30, 2012, classified as long-term in the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Our pension plans invest in a variety of equity and debt securities. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010, we contributed \$50.0 million to our primary pension plan. At September 30, 2012, our latest measurement date, our pension plans were underfunded by approximately \$81 million. Given the significant funding contribution made during fiscal 2010, we currently do not anticipate any further contributions to our primary pension plan in fiscal 2013.

As previously disclosed, we intend to continue to pay quarterly cash dividends comparable to those paid in the periods covered by these financial statements. However, the declaration and payment of dividends by us will be subject to the sole discretion of our Board and will depend upon many factors, including our financial condition, earnings, capital requirements, covenants associated with debt obligations, legal requirements and other factors deemed relevant by our Board.

We intend to continue to pursue selective acquisition candidates in certain areas of our business, but the timing, size or success of any acquisition effort and the related potential capital commitments cannot be predicted. We expect to fund future acquisitions primarily with cash on hand, cash flow from operations and borrowings, within our set limits.

During fiscal 2012, we repurchased 1.5 million shares of our common stock for \$42.4 million in the open market. As of September 30, 2012, 0.5 million shares were available for purchase under our existing board authorization, which does not have an expiration date. In October 2012, the Board approved an expansion of its previously announced share repurchase authorization by 3.5 million shares. Repurchases may be made on the open market or via private transactions, and are used for general business purposes.

We believe that cash on hand and generated from operations, along with amounts available under our credit facility, will be sufficient to fund operations, working capital needs, capital expenditure requirements and financing obligations. However, disruption and volatility in the credit markets could impede our access to capital. Our \$500.0 million revolving credit facility is with a syndicate of banks. The syndication group consists of 11 financial institutions, which we believe reduces our exposure to any one institution and would still leave us with significant borrowing capacity in the event that any one of the institutions within the group is unable to comply with the terms of our agreement.

Credit Ratings

For fiscal 2012, Standard and Poor's Rating Services and Moody's Investor Service provided a credit rating of BBB and Baa3 with stable outlooks.

Other Uses of Cash

We expect capital spending in 2013 to be between \$75 and \$80 million. Capital spending will be monitored and controlled as the year progresses.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

Contractual Obligations, Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

To give a clear picture of matters potentially impacting our liquidity position, the following table outlines our contractual obligations as of September 30, 2012:

<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 3 Years	4 - 5 Years	After 5 Years
Contractual Obligations					
Long-term debt obligations.....	\$ 247.5	\$ 10.0	\$ 27.5	\$ 160.0	\$ 50.0
Interest payments relating to long-term debt (1)...	59.9	6.3	12.1	10.5	31.0
Operating lease obligations.....	59.8	19.7	23.2	12.4	4.5
Pension and postretirement health care benefit funding (2).....	15.8	1.3	2.7	3.2	8.6
Purchase obligations (3).....	44.6	32.7	11.5	0.4	—
Other long-term liabilities (4).....	29.7	—	15.6	12.4	1.7
Total contractual cash obligations	<u>\$ 457.3</u>	<u>\$ 70.0</u>	<u>\$ 92.6</u>	<u>\$ 198.9</u>	<u>\$ 95.8</u>

- (1) Interest payments on our long-term debt are projected based on the contractual rates of remaining debt securities.
- (2) Given the significant funding contribution made during fiscal 2010, we currently do not anticipate any further contributions to our master pension plan in fiscal 2013.
- (3) Purchase obligations represent contractual obligations under various take-or-pay arrangements executed in the normal course of business. These commitments represent future purchases in line with expected usage to obtain favorable pricing. Also included are obligations arising from purchase orders for which we have made firm commitments. As a result, we believe that the purchase obligations portion of our contractual obligations is substantially those obligations for which we are certain to pay, regardless of future facts and circumstances. We expect to fund purchase obligations with operating cash flows and current cash balances.
- (4) Other long-term liabilities include deferred compensation arrangements, self-insurance reserves, and other various liabilities.

We also had commercial commitments related to standby letters of credit at September 30, 2012 of \$7.2 million.

In addition to the contractual obligations and commercial commitments disclosed above, we also have a variety of other agreements related to the procurement of materials and services and other commitments. While many of these agreements are long-term supply agreements, some of which are exclusive supply or complete requirements-based contracts, we are not committed under these agreements to accept or pay for requirements which are not needed to meet production needs. Also, we have an additional \$10.6 million of other liabilities as of September 30, 2012, which represent uncertain tax positions for which it is not possible to determine in which future period the tax liability might be settled.

In conjunction with our acquisition and divestiture activities, we have entered into certain guarantees and indemnifications of performance, as well as, non-competition agreements for varying periods of time. Potential losses under the indemnifications are generally limited to a portion of the original transaction price, or to other lesser specific dollar amounts for certain provisions. Guarantees and indemnifications with respect to acquisition and divestiture activities, if triggered, could have a materially adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

We are also subject to potential losses from adverse litigation results that are not accounted for by a self-insurance or other reserves; however, such potential losses are not quantifiable at this time, and may never occur.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our accounting policies, including those described below, require management to make significant estimates and assumptions using information available at the time the estimates are made. Such estimates and assumptions significantly affect various reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. If future experience differs materially from these estimates and assumptions, results of operations and financial condition could be affected. Our most critical accounting policies are described below.

Revenue Recognition

Net revenues reflect gross revenues less sales discounts and allowances and customer returns for product sales and rental revenue reserves. Revenue is evaluated under the following criteria and recognized when each is met:

- *Evidence of an arrangement:* An agreement with the customer reflecting the terms and conditions to deliver products or services serves as evidence of an arrangement.
- *Delivery:* For products, delivery is considered to occur upon receipt by the customer and the transfer of title and risk of loss. For rental services, delivery is considered to occur when the services are rendered.
- *Fixed or determinable price:* The sales price is considered fixed or determinable if it is not subject to refund or adjustment.
- *Collection is deemed probable:* At or prior to the time of a transaction, credit reviews of each customer are performed to determine the creditworthiness of the customer. Collection is deemed probable if the customer is expected to be able to pay amounts under the arrangement as those amounts become due. If collection is not probable, revenue is recognized when collection becomes probable, generally upon cash collection.

As a general interpretation of the above guidelines, revenues for health care and surgical products are generally recognized upon delivery of the products to the customer and their assumption of risk of loss and other risks and rewards of ownership. Local business customs and non-standard sales terms can sometimes result in deviations to this normal practice in certain instances; however, in no case is revenue recognized prior to the transfer of risk of loss and rewards of ownership.

For non-invasive therapy products and medical equipment management services, the majority of product offerings are rental products for which revenues are recognized consistent with the rendering of the service and use of products. For The Vest® product, revenue is generally recognized at the time of receipt of authorization for billing from the applicable paying entity as this serves as evidence of the arrangement and sets a fixed or determinable price.

For health care products and services aimed at improving operational efficiency and asset utilization, various revenue recognition techniques are used, depending on the offering. Arrangements to provide services, routinely under separately sold service and maintenance contracts, result in the deferral of revenues until specified services are performed. Service contract revenue is generally recognized ratably over the contract period, if applicable, or as services are rendered. Product-related goods are generally recognized upon delivery to the customer.

Revenue and Accounts Receivable Reserves

Revenues are presented in the Statements of Consolidated Income net of certain discounts and sales adjustments. For product sales, we record reserves resulting in a reduction of revenue for contractual discounts, as well as price concessions and product returns. Likewise, rental revenue reserves, reflecting contractual and other routine billing adjustments, are recorded as a reduction of revenues. Reserves for revenue are estimated based upon historical rates for revenue adjustments.

Provisions for doubtful accounts are recorded as a component of operating expenses and represent our best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses and collection risk in our existing accounts receivable. We determine such reserves based on historical write-off experience by industry. Receivables are generally reviewed on a pooled basis based on historical collection experience for each receivable type and are also reviewed individually for collectability. Account balances are charged against the allowance when we believe it is probable the receivable will not be recovered. We do not have any off-balance sheet credit exposure related to our customers.

If circumstances change, such as higher than expected claims denials, payment defaults, changes in our business composition or processes, adverse changes in general economic conditions, instability or disruption of credit markets, or an unexpected material adverse change in a major customer's or payor's ability to meet its obligations, our estimates of the realizability of trade receivables could be reduced by a material amount.

Liabilities for Loss Contingencies Related to Lawsuits

We are involved on an ongoing basis in claims, investigations and lawsuits relating to our operations, including environmental, antitrust, patent infringement, business practices, commercial transactions and other matters. The ultimate outcome of these actions cannot be predicted with certainty. An estimated loss from these contingencies is recognized when we believe it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. However, it is difficult to measure the actual loss that might be incurred related to claims, investigations and lawsuits. The ultimate outcome of these actions could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flow.

We are also involved in other possible claims, including product and general liability, workers' compensation, auto liability and employment related matters. Claims other than employment related matters have deductibles and self-insured retentions ranging from \$150 thousand to \$1.5 million per occurrence or per claim, depending upon the type of coverage and policy period. Outside insurance companies and third-party claims administrators establish individual claim reserves and an independent outside actuary provides estimates of ultimate projected losses, including incurred but not reported claims, which are used to establish reserves for losses. Claim reserves for employment related matters are established based upon advice from internal and external counsel and historical settlement information for claims and related fees, when such amounts are considered probable of payment.

The recorded amounts represent our best estimate of the costs we will incur in relation to such exposures, but it is possible that actual costs could differ from those estimates.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

We account for acquired businesses using the acquisition method of accounting. This method requires that the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed be measured at their fair value, with goodwill being the excess value of consideration paid less the fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired. Judgments and estimates are required in the determination of fair values, including the setting of discount rates, growth rates and forecasted business results for the acquired business and portions of the acquired business, along with estimated useful lives. Changes in these judgments or estimates can have a material impact on the valuation of the respective assets and liabilities acquired and our results of operations.

We perform an impairment assessment on goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangibles annually during the third fiscal quarter, or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of a reporting unit may not be recoverable. These events or conditions include, but are not limited to, a significant adverse change in the business environment; regulatory environment or legal factors; a current period operating or cash flow loss combined with a history of such losses or a projection of continuing losses; a substantial decline in market capitalization of our stock; or a sale or disposition of a significant portion of a reporting unit.

The goodwill impairment assessment requires evaluating qualitative factors or performing a quantitative assessment to determine that a reporting unit's carrying value would be more likely than not to exceed its fair value. The qualitative goodwill impairment assessment requires evaluating factors to determine that a reporting unit's carrying value would not more likely than not exceed its fair value. As part of our goodwill qualitative testing process for each reporting unit, we evaluate various factors that are specific to the reporting unit as well as industry and macroeconomic factors in order to determine whether it is reasonably likely to have a material impact on the fair value of our reporting units. Examples of the factors that were considered included the results of the most recent impairment test, current and long-range forecasted financial results, and changes in the strategic outlook or organizational structure of the reporting units. The long-range financial forecasts of the reporting units, which are based upon management's long-term view of our markets and are used by senior management and the Board of Directors to evaluate operating performance, were compared to the forecasts used in the prior year analysis to determine if management expectations for the business have changed. Management changes in strategic outlook or organizational structure represent internally driven strategic or organizational changes that could have a material impact on our results of operations or product offerings. Industry, market changes and macroeconomic indicators represent our view on changes outside of the Company that could have a material impact on our results of operations, product offerings or future cash flow forecasts. In the event we were to determine that a reporting unit's carrying value would more

likely than not exceed its fair value, quantitative testing would be performed comparing carrying values to estimated fair values. Changes in management intentions, market conditions, operating performance and other similar circumstances could affect the assumptions used in this qualitative impairment test. Changes in the assumptions could result in impairment charges that could be material to our Consolidated Financial Statements in any given period.

Quantitative testing involves a two-step process. The first step, used to identify potential impairment, is a comparison of each reporting unit's estimated fair value to its carrying value, including goodwill. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, applicable goodwill is considered not to be impaired. If the carrying value exceeds fair value, there is an indication of impairment and the second step is performed to measure the amount of the impairment. The second step requires us to calculate an implied fair value of goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in the same manner as the amount of goodwill recognized in a business combination, which is the excess of the fair value of the reporting unit, as determined in the first step, over the aggregate fair values of the individual assets, liabilities and identifiable intangibles as if the reporting unit was being acquired in a business combination. If the goodwill assigned to a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill, an impairment charge is recorded for the excess.

The fair value of reporting units in the first step of a quantitative impairment process requires significant management judgment with respect to forecasted sales, gross margin and selling, general and administrative expenses, capital expenditures, the selection and use of an appropriate discount rate, the selection of comparable public companies and the determination of an appropriate control premium. In addition, the use of third-party appraisals of significant tangible and intangible assets as part of the second step of the impairment test also requires management judgment related to certain inputs and assumptions. There are inherent uncertainties related to each of the above listed assumptions and inputs, and our judgment in applying them. The use of different assumptions, estimates or judgments in either step of the process could materially increase or decrease the related impairment charge.

Retirement Benefit Plans

We sponsor retirement and postretirement benefit plans covering select employees. Expense recognized in relation to these defined benefit retirement plans and the postretirement health care plan is based upon actuarial valuations and inherent in those valuations are key assumptions including discount rates, and where applicable, expected returns on assets, projected future salary rates and projected health care cost trends. The discount rates used in the valuation of our defined benefit pension and postretirement plans are evaluated annually based on current market conditions. In setting these rates we utilize long-term bond indices and yield curves as a preliminary indication of interest rate movements, and then make adjustments to the respective indices to reflect differences in the terms of the bonds covered under the indices in comparison to the projected outflow of our obligations. Our overall expected long-term rate of return on pension assets is based on historical and expected future returns, which are inflation adjusted and weighted for the expected return for each component of the investment portfolio. Our rate of assumed compensation increase is also based on our specific historical trends of past wage adjustments.

Changes in retirement and postretirement benefit expense and the recognized obligations may occur in the future as a result of a number of factors, including changes to any of these assumptions. Our expected rate of return on pension plan assets was 7.0 percent for fiscal 2012 and 7.5 percent for 2011 and 2010. At September 30, 2012, we had pension plan assets of \$246.8 million. A 25 basis point increase in the expected rate of return on pension plan assets reduces annual pension expense by approximately \$0.6 million. Differences between actual and projected investment returns, especially in periods of significant market volatility, can also impact estimates of required pension contributions. The discount rate for our retirement obligation was 4.1 percent in 2012, 4.6 percent in 2011 and 5.1 percent in 2010. The discount rate for our postretirement obligation may vary up to 100 basis points from that of our retirement obligations. For each 50 basis point change in the discount rate, the impact to annual pension expense ranges from \$2.0 million to \$2.1 million, while the impact to our postretirement health care plan expense would be less than \$0.1 million. Impacts from assumption changes could be positive or negative depending on the direction of the change in rates.

Income Taxes

We compute our income taxes using an asset and liability approach to reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the financial reporting carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and the corresponding income tax amounts. We have a variety of deferred tax assets in numerous tax jurisdictions. These deferred tax assets are subject to periodic assessment as to recoverability and if it is determined that it is more likely than not that the benefits will not be realized, valuation allowances are recognized. We have recorded valuation allowances against certain of our deferred tax assets, primarily those related to foreign tax attributes in countries with poor operating results and certain other domestic tax

attributes. In evaluating whether it is more likely than not that we would recover these deferred tax assets, future taxable income, the reversal of existing temporary differences and tax planning strategies are considered.

We believe that our estimates for the valuation allowances recorded against deferred tax assets are appropriate based on current facts and circumstances. We currently have \$8.6 million of valuation allowances on deferred tax assets, on a tax-effected basis, primarily related to foreign tax attributes.

We account for uncertain income tax positions using a threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The difference between the tax benefit recognized in the financial statements for an uncertain income tax position and the tax benefit claimed in the tax return is referred to as an unrecognized tax benefit.

We also have on-going audits in various stages of completion with the IRS and several state and foreign jurisdictions, one or more of which may conclude within the next 12 months. Such settlements could involve some or all of the following: the payment of additional taxes, the adjustment of certain deferred taxes and/or the recognition of unrecognized tax benefits. The resolution of these matters, in combination with the expiration of certain statutes of limitations in various jurisdictions, make it reasonably possible that our unrecognized tax benefits may decrease as a result of either payment or recognition by approximately \$3 to \$7 million in the next twelve months, excluding interest.

Guarantees

We routinely grant limited warranties on our products with respect to defects in material and workmanship. The terms of these warranties are generally one year, however, certain components and products have substantially longer warranty periods. We recognize a reserve with respect to these obligations at the time of product sale, with subsequent warranty claims recorded directly against the reserve. The amount of the warranty reserve is determined based on historical trend experience for the covered products. For more significant warranty-related matters which might require a broad-based correction, separate reserves are established when such events are identified and the cost of correction can be reasonably estimated.

Inventory

We review the net realizable value of inventory on an ongoing basis, considering factors such as excess, obsolescence, and other items. We record an allowance for estimated losses when the facts and circumstances indicate that particular inventories will not be sold at prices in excess of current carrying costs. These estimates are based on historical experience and expected future trends. If future market conditions vary from those projected, and our estimates prove to be inaccurate, we may be required to write down inventory values and record an adjustment to cost of revenues.

Recently Issued Accounting Guidance

For a summary of recently issued accounting guidance applicable to us, see Note 1 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included under Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to various market risks, including fluctuations in interest rates, the impact of the current economic downturn, collection risk associated with our accounts and notes receivable portfolio, including the effects of various austerity measures initiated by some governmental authorities, and variability in currency exchange rates. We have established policies, procedures and internal processes governing our management of market risks and the use of financial instruments to manage our exposure to such risks.

We are subject to variability in foreign currency exchange rates in our international operations. Exposure to this variability is periodically managed primarily through the use of natural hedges, whereby funding obligations and assets are both managed in the local currency. We, from time-to-time, enter into currency exchange agreements to manage our exposure arising from fluctuating exchange rates related to specific and forecasted transactions. We operate this program pursuant to documented corporate risk management policies and do not enter into derivative transactions for speculative purposes. The sensitivity of earnings and cash flows to variability in exchange rates is assessed by applying an appropriate range of potential rate fluctuations to our assets, obligations and projected results of operations denominated in foreign currencies.

Our currency risk consists primarily of foreign currency denominated firm commitments and forecasted foreign currency denominated intercompany and third-party transactions. At September 30, 2012, we had outstanding foreign exchange derivative contracts in notional amounts of \$5.3 million with the fair value of these contracts approximating original contract value. The maximum length of time over which we hedge transaction exposure is 15 months. Derivative gains/(losses), initially reported as a component of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), are reclassified to earnings in the period when the forecasted transaction affects earnings.

We hold auction rate securities, for which the market continues to experience liquidity issues. Due to the lack of liquidity, we have obtained guidance from our investment advisors as to the current fair value of our portfolio. If current market conditions do not improve, or if they worsen, the result could be further temporary unrealized losses or impairments. At September 30, 2012, we had \$7.3 million remaining in auction rate securities.

Our pension plan assets, which were approximately \$247 million at September 30, 2012, are also subject to volatility that can be caused by fluctuations in general economic conditions. Our pension plans were underfunded at September 30, 2012 by approximately \$81 million, a slight increase over the prior year based upon a decrease in the discount rate which increased the overall pension obligation. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010, we contributed \$50.0 million to our primary pension plan. Continued market volatility and disruption could cause declines in asset values and low interest rates could continue to keep our pension obligation high. Should such trends continue, we may need to make additional pension plan contributions and our pension expense in future years may increase. Investment strategies and policies are set by the plan's fiduciaries. Long-term strategic investment objectives utilize a diversified mix of equity and fixed income securities to preserve the funded status of the trusts and balance risk and return. The plan fiduciaries oversee the investment allocation process, which includes selecting investment managers, setting long-term strategic targets and monitoring asset allocations. Target allocation ranges are guidelines, not limitations, and plan fiduciaries may occasionally approve allocations above or below a target range or elect to rebalance the portfolio within the targeted range.

Trust assets are invested subject to the following policy restrictions: short-term securities must be rated A2/P2 or higher; all fixed-income securities shall have a credit quality rating "BBB" or higher; investments in equities in any one company may not exceed 10 percent of the equity portfolio.

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All other schedules are omitted because they are not applicable or the required information is shown in the financial statements or the notes thereto.

MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. ("we" or "our"). Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed, under the supervision of our principal executive, principal financial and principal accounting officers, and effected by our Board of Directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting and the preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Our internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that:

- 1) Pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets;
- 2) Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and our Board of Directors; and
- 3) Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, our internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may deteriorate.

Management performed an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2012 using criteria established in the *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on that criteria, management concluded that we maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2012.

We have excluded Völker group and Aspen Surgical Products Holding, Inc. from our assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2012, because they were acquired by us in separate purchase business combinations during 2012. Völker group is a wholly-owned subsidiary whose total assets and total revenues represent 5 percent and 4 percent, respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012. Aspen Surgical Products Holding, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary whose total assets and total revenues represent 15 percent and 1 percent, respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2012 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, who also audited our Consolidated Financial Statements, as stated in their report included herein.

/s/ John J. Greisch

John J. Greisch
President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Mark J. Guinan

Mark J. Guinan
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

/s/ Richard G. Keller

Richard G. Keller
Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of
Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the accompanying index present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries at September 30, 2012, and 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2012, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the accompanying index presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2012, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements, on the financial statement schedule, and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

As described in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, management has excluded Völker group and Aspen Surgical Products Holding, Inc. from its assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2012, because they were acquired by the Company in separate purchase business combinations during 2012. We have also excluded Völker group and Aspen Surgical Products Holding, Inc. from our audit of internal control over financial reporting. Völker group is a wholly-owned subsidiary whose total assets and total revenues represent 5% and 4%, respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012. Aspen Surgical Products Holding, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary whose total assets and total revenues represent 15% and 1%, respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Indianapolis, Indiana
November 15, 2012

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME
(Dollars in millions except per share data)

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Net Revenues			
Capital sales	\$ 1,198.2	\$ 1,119.0	\$ 996.6
Rental revenues	436.1	472.7	473.0
Total revenues	<u>1,634.3</u>	<u>1,591.7</u>	<u>1,469.6</u>
Cost of Revenues			
Cost of goods sold	690.4	606.8	548.6
Rental expenses	189.2	203.6	204.4
Total cost of revenues	<u>879.6</u>	<u>810.4</u>	<u>753.0</u>
Gross Profit	<u>754.7</u>	<u>781.3</u>	<u>716.6</u>
Research and development expenses	66.9	63.8	58.3
Selling and administrative expenses	496.4	502.0	474.6
Litigation (credit) charge (Note 13)	(3.6)	47.3	(21.2)
Impairment of goodwill and other intangibles (Note 3)	8.0	—	—
Special charges (Note 8)	<u>18.2</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>13.2</u>
Operating Profit	<u>168.8</u>	<u>166.8</u>	<u>191.7</u>
Interest expense	(6.5)	(8.5)	(8.7)
Investment income and other, net	<u>1.2</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>
Income Before Income Taxes	<u>163.5</u>	<u>159.7</u>	<u>182.9</u>
Income tax expense (Note 9)	<u>42.7</u>	<u>26.2</u>	<u>56.9</u>
Net Income	<u>120.8</u>	<u>133.5</u>	<u>126.0</u>
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	<u>—</u>	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.7</u>
Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders	<u>\$ 120.8</u>	<u>\$ 133.3</u>	<u>\$ 125.3</u>
Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders per Common Share - Basic	<u>\$ 1.94</u>	<u>\$ 2.11</u>	<u>\$ 1.99</u>
Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders per Common Share - Diluted	<u>\$ 1.94</u>	<u>\$ 2.09</u>	<u>\$ 1.97</u>
Dividends per Common Share	<u>\$ 0.49</u>	<u>\$ 0.43</u>	<u>\$ 0.41</u>
Average Common Shares Outstanding - Basic (thousands) (Note 10)	<u>62,120</u>	<u>63,164</u>	<u>62,934</u>
Average Common Shares Outstanding - Diluted (thousands) (Note 10)	<u>62,361</u>	<u>63,899</u>	<u>63,739</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollars in millions except share data)

	September 30	
	2012	2011
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 84.3	\$ 224.6
Trade accounts receivable, less allowances of \$38.5 in 2012 and \$26.7 in 2011 (Note 1)	392.6	386.2
Inventories (Note 1)	126.9	95.6
Deferred income taxes (Notes 1 and 9)	48.6	42.9
Other current assets	29.4	42.4
Total current assets	681.8	791.7
Property, plant and equipment (Note 1)	834.9	819.6
Less accumulated depreciation	(584.8)	(596.8)
Property, plant and equipment, net	250.1	222.8
Investments and investment securities (Notes 1 and 5)	7.3	11.1
Intangible assets:		
Goodwill (Notes 1, 2 and 3)	335.2	87.2
Software and other, net (Notes 1 and 2)	290.8	126.1
Deferred income taxes (Notes 1 and 9)	38.9	33.8
Other assets	23.5	26.4
Total Assets	\$ 1,627.6	\$ 1,299.1
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 80.7	\$ 64.8
Short-term borrowings (Note 4)	115.2	100.3
Accrued compensation	73.4	92.7
Accrued product warranties (Note 1)	42.2	17.8
Other current liabilities	66.6	58.4
Total current liabilities	378.1	334.0
Long-term debt (Note 4)	237.5	50.8
Accrued pension and postretirement benefits (Note 6)	89.6	87.4
Deferred income taxes (Notes 1 and 9)	68.1	36.2
Other long-term liabilities	41.7	49.0
Total Liabilities	815.0	557.4
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 13)		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Note 7)		
Capital Stock:		
Preferred stock - without par value:		
Authorized - 1,000,000 shares; none issued or outstanding	—	—
Common stock - without par value:		
Authorized - 199,000,000		
Issued - 80,323,912 shares in 2012 and 2011	4.4	4.4
Additional paid-in-capital	116.8	114.1
Retained earnings	1,400.3	1,309.8
Accumulated other comprehensive loss (Note 1)	(78.0)	(79.0)
Treasury stock, common shares at cost: 2012 - 19,526,989 and 2011 - 18,637,540	(630.9)	(607.6)
Total Shareholders' Equity	812.6	741.7
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 1,627.6	\$ 1,299.1

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in millions)

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Operating Activities			
Net income	\$ 120.8	\$ 133.5	\$ 126.0
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization.....	111.7	103.9	99.7
Litigation credit.....	—	—	(21.2)
Provision for deferred income taxes.....	(32.3)	(21.5)	21.2
Loss on disposal of property, equipment leased to others, intangible assets and impairments	8.1	1.3	7.3
Stock compensation.....	11.6	12.2	12.0
Tax settlement.....	—	(4.9)	(8.2)
Defined benefit plan funding.....	(1.6)	(1.4)	(52.3)
Excess tax benefits from employee stock plans.....	(1.3)	(6.8)	—
Change in working capital excluding cash, current investments, current debt, acquisitions and dispositions:			
Trade accounts receivable	20.1	(24.7)	(7.0)
Inventories.....	4.4	14.7	(16.2)
Other current assets.....	20.9	14.4	(37.5)
Trade accounts payable.....	0.3	(18.0)	(2.4)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(6.1)	10.0	12.5
Other, net.....	5.1	9.8	5.9
Net cash provided by operating activities.....	<u>261.7</u>	<u>222.5</u>	<u>139.8</u>
Investing Activities			
Capital expenditures and purchase of intangibles.....	(77.8)	(68.9)	(64.7)
Proceeds on sales of property and equipment leased to others.....	10.6	5.9	2.5
Payment for acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(476.8)	(15.5)	(7.3)
Proceeds on investment sales and maturities.....	4.5	0.5	31.3
Net cash used in investing activities.....	<u>(539.5)</u>	<u>(78.0)</u>	<u>(38.2)</u>
Financing Activities			
Net change in short-term debt	(7.8)	(0.4)	(4.1)
Net change in revolver.....	60.0	(0.2)	(45.0)
Proceeds from long-term debt	200.0	—	—
Payment of long-term debt.....	(50.0)	—	—
Debt issuance costs.....	(2.6)	—	—
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	(1.6)	(11.8)	—
Payment of cash dividends.....	(30.1)	(27.0)	(25.8)
Distribution to noncontrolling interest partner	—	—	(1.1)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options.....	7.7	43.1	22.9
Proceeds from stock issuance.....	2.9	2.9	2.6
Excess tax benefits from employee stock plans.....	1.3	6.8	—
Treasury stock acquired.....	(44.2)	(115.3)	(36.9)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities.....	<u>135.6</u>	<u>(101.9)</u>	<u>(87.4)</u>
Effect of Exchange Rate changes on Cash.....	1.9	(2.5)	(0.3)
Net Cash Flows	<u>(140.3)</u>	<u>40.1</u>	<u>13.9</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
At beginning of period.....	224.6	184.5	170.6
At end of period.....	<u>\$ 84.3</u>	<u>\$ 224.6</u>	<u>\$ 184.5</u>
Supplemental cash flow information:			
Cash paid for income taxes.....	\$ 52.1	\$ 30.3	\$ 87.3
Cash paid for interest.....	\$ 6.6	\$ 7.7	\$ 7.7
Non-cash financing activities:			
Treasury stock issued under stock compensation plans.....	\$ 21.0	\$ 65.7	\$ 38.3

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Dollars in millions)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Common Stock in Treasury		Total
	Shares Outstanding	Amount				Shares	Amount	
Balance at								
September 30, 2009	62,667,562	\$ 4.4	\$ 119.0	\$ 1,105.2	\$ (59.9)	17,656,350	\$ (559.4)	\$ 609.3
Comprehensive Income:								
Net income	—	—	—	126.0	—	—	—	126.0
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax of \$1.3 million	—	—	—	—	0.7	—	—	0.7
Net change in unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of tax of (\$0.1) million	—	—	—	—	0.2	—	—	0.2
Items not yet recognized as a component of net periodic pension costs, net of tax of \$0.1 million	—	—	—	—	(2.8)	—	—	(2.8)
Total comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	124.1
Dividends	—	—	0.3	(26.1)	—	—	—	(25.8)
Treasury shares acquired	(1,092,469)	—	—	—	—	1,092,469	(36.9)	(36.9)
Stock awards and option exercises	1,211,790	—	(2.4)	—	—	(1,211,790)	38.3	35.9
Impact of Joint Venture	—	—	2.4	(1.5)	—	—	—	0.9
Balance at								
September 30, 2010	62,786,883	4.4	119.3	1,203.6	(61.8)	17,537,029	(558.0)	707.5
Comprehensive Income:								
Net income	—	—	—	133.5	—	—	—	133.5
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax of \$0.5 million	—	—	—	—	(3.8)	—	—	(3.8)
Net change in unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of tax of \$0.0 million	—	—	—	—	(0.2)	—	—	(0.2)
Items not yet recognized as a component of net periodic pension costs, net of tax of \$8.9 million	—	—	—	—	(13.2)	—	—	(13.2)
Total comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	116.3
Dividends	—	—	0.1	(27.1)	—	—	—	(27.0)
Treasury shares acquired	(3,145,899)	—	—	—	—	3,145,899	(115.3)	(115.3)
Stock awards and option exercises	2,045,388	—	(0.4)	—	—	(2,045,388)	65.7	65.3
Impact of Joint Venture	—	—	(4.9)	(0.2)	—	—	—	(5.1)
Balance at								
September 30, 2011	61,686,372	4.4	114.1	1,309.8	(79.0)	18,637,540	(607.6)	741.7
Comprehensive Income:								
Net income	—	—	—	120.8	—	—	—	120.8
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax of \$1.8 million	—	—	—	—	(1.5)	—	—	(1.5)
Net change in unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of tax of (\$0.2) million	—	—	—	—	0.5	—	—	0.5
Items not yet recognized as a component of net periodic pension costs, net of tax of (\$1.6) million	—	—	—	—	2.0	—	—	2.0
Total comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	121.8
Dividends	—	—	0.2	(30.3)	—	—	—	(30.1)
Treasury shares acquired	(1,532,232)	—	—	—	—	1,532,232	(44.2)	(44.2)
Stock awards and option exercises	642,783	—	2.5	—	—	(642,783)	20.9	23.4
Balance at								
September 30, 2012	60,796,923	\$ 4.4	\$ 116.8	\$ 1,400.3	\$ (78.0)	19,526,989	\$ (630.9)	\$ 812.6

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in millions except per share data)

Note 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. (the “Company,” “Hill-Rom,” “we,” “us,” or “our”) (formerly known as Hillenbrand Industries, Inc.) was incorporated on August 7, 1969 in the State of Indiana and is headquartered in Batesville, Indiana. We are a leading worldwide manufacturer and provider of medical technologies and related services for the health care industry, including patient support systems, safe mobility and handling solutions, non-invasive therapeutic products for a variety of acute and chronic medical conditions, medical equipment rentals, surgical products and information technology solutions. Our comprehensive product and service offerings are used by health care providers across the health care continuum and around the world in hospitals, extended care facilities and home care settings, to enhance the safety and quality of patient care. In February 2012, we acquired Völker, a German manufacturer and distributor of patient support surfaces. In July 2012, we acquired Aspen Surgical, a U.S.-based manufacturer of surgical products including the Bard-Parker® line of blades and scalpels.

Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of Hill-Rom and its subsidiaries. All subsidiaries are wholly-owned as of September 30, 2012. During the first quarter of our fiscal 2011, we acquired the remaining 40 percent noncontrolling interest in a former joint venture (Note 2). Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Examples of such estimates include our accounts receivable reserves (Note 1), accrued warranties (Note 1), the impairment of intangibles and goodwill (Note 3), investments (Note 5), income taxes (Note 9) and commitments and contingencies (Note 13), among others.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

We consider investments in marketable securities and other highly liquid instruments with a maturity of three months or less at date of purchase to be cash equivalents. Investments which have no stated maturity are also considered cash equivalents. All of our marketable securities may be freely traded.

Investment Securities

At September 30, 2012, investment securities consisted primarily of AAA rated student loan auction rate securities (“ARS”). These securities are generally insured through the U.S. government’s Federal Family Education Loan Program, to the extent the borrowers meet certain prescribed criteria in their underlying lending practices. These securities are classified as available-for-sale and changes in their fair value are recorded in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) (“AOCL”).

We also previously held ARS with UBS Financial Services (“UBS”). During the first quarter of 2009, we entered into an enforceable, non-transferable right (the “Put”) with UBS, which allowed us to exercise this Put at anytime during the period of June 30, 2010 through July 2, 2012. During the quarter ended June 30, 2010, UBS redeemed \$14.1 million of our ARS plus interest. On June 30, 2010, we successfully exercised our rights under this Put for all remaining ARS held with UBS and received cash proceeds of \$12.0 million, including accrued interest, on July 1, 2010.

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We regularly evaluate all investments classified as available-for-sale for possible impairment based on current economic conditions, credit loss experience and other criteria. The evaluation of investments for impairment requires significant judgments to be made including (i) the identification of potentially impaired securities; (ii) the determination of their estimated fair value; (iii) the assessment of whether any decline in estimated fair value is other-than-temporary; and (iv) the likelihood of selling before recovery. If there is a decline in a security's net realizable value that is other-than-temporary and we are not likely to sell before recovery, the decline is separated into the amount of impairment related to credit loss and the amount of impairment related to all other factors. The decline related to the credit loss is recognized in earnings, while the decline related to all other factors is recognized in AOCL.

See Note 5 for further details on our fair value measurements.

Trade Accounts Receivable

Trade accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest, unless the transaction is an installment sale with payment terms exceeding one year. Reserves for uncollectible accounts represent our best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses and collection risk in our existing accounts receivable. We determine such reserves based on historical write-off experience by industry and reimbursement platform. Receivables are generally reviewed on a pooled basis based on historical collection experience for each reimbursement and receivable type. Receivables for capital sales transactions are also reviewed individually for collectability. Account balances are charged against the allowance when we believe it is probable the receivable will not be recovered. We do not have any off-balance sheet credit exposure related to our customers. If circumstances change, such as higher than expected claims denials, payment defaults, changes in our business composition or processes, adverse changes in general economic conditions, unfavorable impacts of austerity measures initiated by some governmental authorities, instability or disruption of credit markets, or an unexpected material adverse change in a major customer's or payor's ability to meet its obligations, our estimates of the realizability of trade receivables could be reduced by a material amount.

Within rental revenues, the domestic third-party payors' reimbursement process requires extensive documentation, which has had the effect of slowing both the billing and cash collection cycles relative to the rest of the business, and therefore, increasing total accounts receivable. Because of the extensive documentation required and the requirement to settle a claim with the primary payor prior to billing the secondary and/or patient portion of the claim, the collection period for a claim in a portion of our business may, in some cases, be extended.

We generally hold our trade accounts receivable until they are paid. Certain long-term receivables are occasionally sold to third parties; however, any recognized gain or loss on such sales has historically not been material.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market. Inventory costs are determined by the last-in, first-out ("LIFO") method for approximately 44 and 60 percent of our inventories at September 30, 2012 and 2011. Costs for other inventories have been determined principally by the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method. Inventories consist of the following:

	September 30	
	2012	2011
Finished products.....	\$ 71.8	\$ 55.6
Work in process.....	6.4	4.2
Raw materials.....	48.7	35.8
Total.....	<u>\$ 126.9</u>	<u>\$ 95.6</u>

If the FIFO method of inventory accounting, which approximates current cost, had been used for all inventories, they would have been approximately \$3.1 million and \$2.2 million higher than reported at September 30, 2012 and 2011.

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Dollars in millions except per share data)

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the assets using principally the straight-line method. Ranges of estimated useful lives are as follows:

	<u>Useful Life</u>
Land improvements	6 - 15 years
Buildings and building equipment	10 - 40 years
Machinery and equipment	3 - 10 years
Equipment leased to others	2 -10 years

When property, plant and equipment is retired from service or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related amount of depreciation or amortization are eliminated from the asset and accumulated depreciation accounts. The difference, if any, between the net asset value and the proceeds on sale are charged or credited to income. Total depreciation expense for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$73.9 million, \$74.3 million and \$72.8 million. The major components of property and the related accumulated depreciation were as follows:

	<u>September 30</u>			
	<u>2012</u>		<u>2011</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>
Land and land improvements.....	\$ 16.1	\$ 4.4	\$ 12.2	\$ 3.9
Buildings and building equipment.....	142.6	85.8	115.3	79.0
Machinery and equipment	276.3	187.6	269.0	205.3
Equipment leased to others	399.9	307.0	423.1	308.6
Total.....	<u>\$ 834.9</u>	<u>\$ 584.8</u>	<u>\$ 819.6</u>	<u>\$ 596.8</u>

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are stated at cost and consist predominantly of goodwill, software, patents and trademarks. With the exception of goodwill and certain trademarks, our intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over periods generally ranging from 3 to 20 years.

We assess the carrying value of goodwill and non-amortizable intangibles annually, during the third quarter of each fiscal year, or more often if events or changes in circumstances indicate there may be impairment. Goodwill is allocated among the reporting units based on the relative fair value of those units.

The majority of our goodwill and many of our intangible assets are not deductible for income tax purposes. A summary of intangible assets and the related accumulated amortization and impairment losses follows:

	<u>September 30</u>			
	<u>2012</u>		<u>2011</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amortization and Impairment</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amortization and Impairment</u>
Goodwill	\$ 808.0	\$ 472.8	\$ 560.0	\$ 472.8
Software.....	163.2	123.7	154.7	106.2
Other	334.4	83.1	134.7	57.1
Total.....	<u>\$ 1,305.6</u>	<u>\$ 679.6</u>	<u>\$ 849.4</u>	<u>\$ 636.1</u>

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Amortization expense for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$37.8 million, \$29.6 million and \$26.9 million. Amortization expense for all intangibles is expected to approximate the following for each of the next five fiscal years and thereafter:

	<u>Amount</u>
2013	\$ 45.9
2014	\$ 39.5
2015	\$ 34.7
2016	\$ 28.4
2017	\$ 20.8
2018 and beyond.....	\$ 88.6

Software consists mainly of capitalized costs associated with internal use software, including applicable costs associated with the implementation/upgrade of our Enterprise Resource Planning system. In addition, software includes capitalized development costs for software products to be sold. The net book value of computer software costs, included within Intangible assets, was \$39.5 million and \$48.5 million at September 30, 2012 and 2011. Capitalized software costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over periods ranging from three to ten years. Software amortization expense approximated \$20.7 million, \$19.1 million and \$17.5 million for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010, and is included in the total intangibles amortization presented earlier.

Guarantees

We routinely grant limited warranties on our products with respect to defects in material and workmanship. The terms of these warranties are generally one year, however, certain components and products have substantially longer warranty periods. We recognize a reserve with respect to these obligations at the time of product sale, with subsequent warranty claims recorded directly against the reserve. The amount of the warranty reserve is determined based on historical trend experience for the covered products. For more significant warranty-related matters which might require a broad-based correction, separate reserves are established when such events are identified and the cost of correction can be reasonably estimated. During the third quarter of fiscal 2012, we initiated a field corrective action on one of our med-surg product lines related to an intermittent circuit board connection issue. We recognized a charge of \$16.0 million for this action. This voluntary action does not limit the manufacture, sale or ongoing use of these beds.

A reconciliation of changes in our warranty reserve is as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Balance at October 1	\$ 17.8	\$ 15.8	\$ 17.1
Provision for warranties during the period	31.8	17.0	16.0
Warranty reserves acquired	9.7	—	—
Warranty claims incurred during the period	(17.1)	(15.0)	(17.3)
Balance at September 30.....	<u>\$ 42.2</u>	<u>\$ 17.8</u>	<u>\$ 15.8</u>

In the normal course of business we enter into various other guarantees and indemnities in our relationships with suppliers, service providers, customers, business partners and others. Examples of these arrangements would include guarantees of product performance, indemnifications to service providers and indemnifications of our actions to business partners. These guarantees and indemnifications have not historically nor do we expect them to have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations, although indemnifications associated with our actions generally have no dollar limitations.

In conjunction with our acquisition and divestiture activities, we have entered into select guarantees and indemnifications of performance with respect to the fulfillment of our commitments under applicable purchase and sale agreements. The arrangements generally indemnify the buyer or seller for damages associated with breach of contract, inaccuracies in representations and warranties surviving the closing date and satisfaction of liabilities and commitments retained under the applicable contract. With respect to sale transactions, we also routinely enter into non-competition agreements for varying periods of time. Guarantees and indemnifications with respect to acquisition and divestiture activities, if triggered, could have a materially adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

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Retirement Plans

We sponsor retirement and postretirement plans covering select employees. Expense recognized in relation to these defined benefit retirement plans and the postretirement health care plan in the U.S. is based upon actuarial valuations and inherent in those valuations are key assumptions including discount rates, and where applicable, expected returns on assets, projected future salary rates and projected health care cost trends. The discount rates used in the valuation of our defined benefit pension and postretirement plans are evaluated annually based on current market conditions. In setting these rates we utilize long-term bond indices and yield curves as a preliminary indication of interest rate movements, and then make adjustments to the respective indices to reflect differences in the terms of the bonds covered under the indices in comparison to the projected outflow of our obligations. Our overall expected long-term rate of return on pension assets is based on historical and expected future returns, which are inflation adjusted and weighted for the expected return for each component of the investment portfolio. Our rate of assumed compensation increase is also based on our specific historical trends of wage adjustments.

We account for our defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans by recognizing the funded status of a benefit plan in the statement of financial position. We also recognize in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) certain gains and losses that arose during the period. See Note 6 for key assumptions and further discussion related to our pension and postretirement plans.

Environmental Liabilities

Expenditures that relate to an existing condition caused by past operations, and which do not contribute to future revenue generation, are expensed. A reserve is established when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. These reserves are determined without consideration of possible loss recoveries from third parties.

Specific costs included in environmental expense and reserves include site assessment, development of a remediation plan, clean-up costs, post-remediation expenditures, monitoring, fines, penalties and legal fees. Reserve amounts represent the expected undiscounted future cash outflows associated with such plans and actions.

Self Insurance

We are generally self-insured up to certain limits for product/general liability, workers' compensation, auto liability and professional liability insurance programs. These policies have deductibles and self-insured retentions ranging from \$150 thousand to \$1.5 million per occurrence, depending upon the type of coverage and policy period. We are also generally self-insured up to certain stop-limits for certain employee health benefits, including medical, drug and dental. Our policy is to estimate reserves based upon a number of factors including known claims, estimated incurred but not reported claims and outside actuarial analysis, which are based on historical information along with certain assumptions about future events. Such estimated reserves are classified as Other Current Liabilities and Other Long-Term Liabilities within the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Revenue Recognition — Sales and Rentals

Net revenues reflect gross revenues less sales discounts and allowances and customer returns for product sales and rental revenue reserves. Revenue is evaluated under the following criteria and recognized when each is met:

- *Evidence of an arrangement:* An agreement with the customer reflecting the terms and conditions to deliver products or services serves as evidence of an arrangement.
- *Delivery:* For products, delivery is considered to occur upon receipt by the customer and the transfer of title and risk of loss. For rental services, delivery is considered to occur when the services are rendered.
- *Fixed or determinable price:* The sales price is considered fixed or determinable if it is not subject to refund or adjustment.
- *Collection is deemed probable:* At or prior to the time of a transaction, credit reviews of each customer are performed to determine the creditworthiness of the customer. Collection is deemed probable if the customer is expected to be able to pay amounts under the arrangement as those amounts become due. If collection is not probable, revenue is recognized when collection becomes probable, generally upon cash collection.

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As a general interpretation of the above guidelines, revenues for health care and surgical products are generally recognized upon delivery of the products to the customer and their assumption of risk of loss and other risks and rewards of ownership. Local business customs and non-standard sales terms can sometimes result in deviations to this normal practice in certain instances; however, in no case is revenue recognized prior to the transfer of risk of loss and rewards of ownership.

For non-invasive therapy products and medical equipment management services, the majority of product offerings are rental products for which revenues are recognized consistent with the rendering of the service and use of products. For The Vest® product, revenue is generally recognized at the time of receipt of authorization for billing from the applicable paying entity as this serves as evidence of the arrangement and sets a fixed or determinable price.

For health care products and services aimed at improving operational efficiency and asset utilization, various revenue recognition techniques are used, depending on the offering. Arrangements to provide services, routinely under separately sold service and maintenance contracts, result in the deferral of revenues until specified services are performed. Service contract revenue is generally recognized ratably over the contract period, if applicable, or as services are rendered. Product-related goods are generally recognized upon delivery to the customer.

Revenues are presented in the Statements of Consolidated Income net of certain discounts and sales adjustments. For product sales, we record reserves resulting in a reduction of revenue for contractual discounts, as well as price concessions and product returns. Likewise, rental revenue reserves, reflecting contractual and other routine billing adjustments, are recorded as a reduction of revenues. Reserves for revenue are estimated based upon historical rates for revenue adjustments.

Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Units

Taxes assessed by a governmental authority that are directly imposed on a revenue producing transaction between us and our customers, including but not limited to sales taxes, use taxes, and value added taxes, are accounted for on a net (excluded from revenues and costs) basis.

Cost of Revenues

Cost of goods sold for capital sales consists primarily of purchased material costs, fixed manufacturing expense, variable direct labor, overhead costs and costs associated with the distribution and delivery of products to our customers. Rental expenses consist of costs associated directly with rental revenue, including depreciation, maintenance, logistics and service center facility and personnel costs.

Research and Development Costs

Research and development costs are expensed as incurred. Costs were \$66.9 million, \$63.8 million and \$58.3 million for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010.

In addition, certain software development technology costs are capitalized as intangibles and are amortized over a period of three to five years once the software is ready for its intended use. The amount capitalized during fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 was approximately \$2.3 million, \$2.1 million and \$4.8 million.

Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Costs were \$4.4 million, \$4.0 million and \$4.3 million for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Comprehensive Income

We include the net-of-tax effect of unrealized gains or losses on our available-for-sale securities, foreign currency translation adjustments and pension or other defined benefit postretirement plans' actuarial gains or losses and prior service costs or credits in comprehensive income.

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The composition of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) is as follows:

	September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Available-for-sale securities and currency hedges, net of tax of \$0.2, \$0.4 and \$0.4, respectively	\$ (0.4)	\$ (0.9)	\$ (0.7)
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax of \$0.1, (\$1.7) and (\$2.2), respectively	(17.2)	(15.7)	(11.9)
Items not yet recognized as a component of net periodic pension and postretirement healthcare costs, net of tax of \$36.6, \$38.2 and \$29.3, respectively	(60.4)	(62.4)	(49.2)
Total.....	<u>\$ (78.0)</u>	<u>\$ (79.0)</u>	<u>\$ (61.8)</u>

Foreign Currency Translation

The functional currency of foreign operations is generally the local currency in the country of domicile. Assets and liabilities of foreign operations are primarily translated into U.S. dollars at year-end rates of exchange and the income statements are translated at the average rates of exchange prevailing during the year. Adjustments resulting from translation of the financial statements of foreign operations into U.S. dollars are excluded from the determination of net income, but included as a component of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss). Foreign currency gains and losses resulting from foreign currency transactions are included in our results of operations and are not material.

Stock-Based Compensation

We account for stock-based compensation under fair value provisions. Stock-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the value of the award and is recognized as expense over the vesting period. In order to determine the fair value of stock options and other performance-based stock awards on the date of grant, we utilize a Binomial model. Inherent in this model are assumptions related to a volatility factor, expected life, risk-free interest rate, dividend yield and expected forfeitures. The risk-free interest rate is based on factual data derived from public sources. The volatility factor, expected life, dividend yield and expected forfeiture assumptions require judgment utilizing historical information, peer data and future expectations. Deferred stock (also known as restricted stock units (“RSUs”)) is measured based on the fair market price of our common stock on the date of grant, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange, multiplied by the number of units granted. See Note 7 for further details.

Income Taxes

The Company and our eligible domestic subsidiaries file a consolidated U.S. income tax return. Foreign operations file income tax returns in a number of jurisdictions. Deferred income taxes are computed using an asset and liability approach to reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the financial reporting carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and the corresponding income tax amounts. We have a variety of deferred tax assets in numerous tax jurisdictions. These deferred tax assets are subject to periodic assessment as to recoverability and if it is determined that it is more likely than not that the benefits will not be realized, valuation allowances are recognized. In evaluating whether it is more likely than not that we would recover these deferred tax assets, future taxable income, the reversal of existing temporary differences and tax planning strategies are considered.

We account for uncertain income tax positions using a threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The difference between the tax benefit recognized in the financial statements for an uncertain income tax position and the tax benefit claimed in the tax return is referred to as an unrecognized tax benefit. See Note 9 for further details.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activity

We use derivative financial instruments to manage the economic impact of fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Derivative financial instruments related to currency exchange rates include forward purchase and sale agreements which generally have terms no greater than 15 months. Additionally, interest rate swaps have sometimes been used to convert a portion of our long-term debt from fixed to variable interest rates.

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Derivative financial instruments are recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheets as either assets or liabilities and are measured at fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recorded each period in the Statement of Consolidated Income or Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), depending on whether a derivative is designated and considered effective as part of a hedge transaction, and if it is, the type of hedge transaction. Gains and losses on derivative instruments reported in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) are subsequently included in the Statement of Consolidated Income in the periods in which earnings are affected by the hedged item. These activities have not had a material effect on our financial position or results of operations for the periods presented herein.

Recently Issued Accounting Guidance

On October 1, 2011, we adopted the Financial Accounting Standard Board's ("FASB") revised authoritative guidance on the annual goodwill impairment test to provide the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the current two-step test. If, as a result of the qualitative assessment, it is determined it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, the quantitative impairment test is required. Otherwise, no further testing is required. We applied this guidance effective with our fiscal 2012 annual goodwill impairment test which was performed in our third fiscal quarter. See further discussion in Note 3.

On October 1, 2011, we adopted the FASB's revised authoritative guidance on business combinations which requires revenues and earnings of the combined entity be disclosed as if the business combination occurred as of the beginning of the comparable prior annual reporting period. This guidance also requires additional disclosures about adjustments included in the reported proforma revenues and earnings. This guidance applies prospectively for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after October 1, 2011. See further discussion in Note 2.

In June 2011, the FASB issued an amendment to the authoritative guidance on comprehensive income. The amendment eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity or include the components in the Notes of our Consolidated Financial Statements and instead requires the presentation of comprehensive income in either (1) a continuous statement of comprehensive income or (2) two separate but consecutive statements. The amendment will be effective for our quarter ending December 31, 2012. The adoption of this amendment is not expected to have a material effect on our Consolidated Financial Statements, but will require us to change our current presentation and include comprehensive income on the face of our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In December 2011, the FASB issued a standard regarding disclosures about offsetting assets and liabilities. The standard requires entities to disclose both gross and net information about instruments and transactions eligible for offset in the Balance Sheet or those instruments and transactions subject to an agreement similar to a master netting agreement. The standard will be effective beginning October 1, 2013. We do not expect this to have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In July 2012, the FASB issued an amendment to the authoritative guidance on the annual impairment test on indefinite-lived intangible assets. The amendment provides the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the current quantitative test. If, as a result of the qualitative assessment, it is determined it is more likely than not that the fair value of an intangible asset is less than its carrying amount, the quantitative impairment test is required. Otherwise, no further testing is required. The amendment will be effective beginning October 1, 2013, however early adoption is permitted. We will consider applying this guidance in connection with future annual intangible impairment tests. We do not expect this to have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

NOTE 2. ACQUISITIONS

Aspen Surgical

On July 23, 2012, we completed a stock purchase agreement with the stockholders and optionholders of Aspen Surgical Products Holding, Inc. ("Aspen Surgical") to acquire the entire equity interest in Aspen Surgical. Aspen Surgical provides a portfolio of well-established surgical consumable and specialty medical products, focused on improving the safety of patients and health care professionals. The product lines include market leading Bard-Parker® conventional and safety scalpels and blades, Colby fluid collection products, Richard-Allan™ specialty needles, a variety of other operating room disposables and instrument care products as well as wound care dressings. The acquisition of Aspen Surgical further develops our surgical business, adding a portfolio of consumable products and expanding our position in the North American and European surgical markets.

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The purchase price for Aspen Surgical was \$402.2 million (\$399.8 million net of cash acquired). We funded the transaction with a combination of cash on hand and borrowings under the revolving credit facility. The results of Aspen Surgical are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements since the date of acquisition. Our reported revenues included \$23.0 million for the year ended September 30, 2012 related to Aspen Surgical products and the impact to net income was not significant.

The following summarizes the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition.

	<u>Amount</u>
Inventory.....	\$ 25.9
Other current assets.....	19.7
Property, plant, and equipment.....	24.0
Goodwill.....	215.3
Trade name (Indefinite Lived).....	29.0
Trade name (15-year weighted-average useful life).....	4.6
Customer relationships (13-year weighted-average useful life).....	126.0
Technology (10-year weighted-average useful life).....	9.1
Other noncurrent assets.....	1.6
Current liabilities.....	(9.6)
Deferred tax liability.....	(43.4)
Total purchase price.....	<u>\$ 402.2</u>

The calculation of fair value of the assets and liabilities is preliminary and subject to adjustment based on finalization of the closing balance sheet and other contractual conditions under the terms of the purchase agreement.

Goodwill was allocated to our Surgical and Respiratory Care segment and is not deductible for tax purposes.

Our total revenues on an unaudited proforma basis, as if the Aspen Surgical acquisition had been consummated at the beginning of our 2011 fiscal year, would have been higher by approximately \$92.3 million and \$118.1 million for the years ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. Net income, on an unaudited proforma basis, would have been higher by approximately \$5.7 million and \$11.1 million for the years ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 and earnings per diluted share would have been higher by \$0.09 and \$0.17 for the years ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. The unaudited pro forma results are based on the Company's historical financial statements and those of the Aspen Surgical business and do not necessarily indicate the results of operations that would have resulted had the acquisition been completed at the beginning of the comparable period presented and are not indicative of the results of operations in future periods.

Völker

On February 13, 2012, we acquired the Germany-based Völker group ("Völker"). Völker is a leading manufacturer of long-term care and acute care bed frames, surfaces and furniture in Europe and around the world. This transaction is expected to strengthen the Company's channels and product offerings in Europe, and furthers our objective of completing strategically relevant and value-enhancing acquisitions. The complementary Völker products will also further develop the Company's global portfolio, accelerate international expansion, and leverage existing sales channels and customer relationships. The purchase price for Völker was \$80.7 million (\$77.0 million net of cash acquired), which was reduced to \$76.7 million, resulting from a \$4.0 million purchase price adjustment, that, as of September 30, 2012, was recorded as a receivable from the seller. The results of Völker are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements since the date of acquisition. Our reported revenues included \$60.8 million for the year ended September 30, 2012 related to Völker products and the impact to net income was not significant.

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During the fourth quarter of 2012, we made certain adjustments to the opening balance sheet as of the acquisition date as we finalized the purchase price with the seller. The following summarizes the revised fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition.

	<u>Amount</u>
Goodwill	\$ 34.8
Trade name (7-year useful life).....	12.3
Customer relationships (8-year weighted average useful life).....	17.5
Net assets acquired	21.9
Deferred tax liability	(9.8)
Total purchase price	<u>\$ 76.7</u>

The calculation of fair value of the assets and liabilities is preliminary and subject to adjustment based on finalization of contractual conditions under the terms of the purchase agreement.

Goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes and was allocated entirely to our International segment.

Our total revenues on an unaudited proforma basis, as if the Völker acquisition had been consummated at the beginning of our 2011 fiscal year, would have been higher by approximately \$49.9 million and \$117.0 million for years ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. The impact to net income on an unaudited proforma basis would not have been significant to our financial results for those years.

Liko Distributor Acquisition

On September 8, 2011, we acquired the distribution companies for our patient mobility products in France and Switzerland (collectively referred to as “Liko Distributors”). The acquisition represents another step in our strategy for international expansion, leveraging and increasing our direct channel presence, especially in key European markets. The purchase price for the Liko Distributors was \$22.5 million (\$15.5 million net of cash acquired).

The following table summarizes the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the acquisition date:

	<u>Amount</u>
Goodwill	\$ 6.4
Customer relationships (5-year useful life).....	7.9
Non-Compete agreements (2-year useful life).....	0.6
Net assets acquired	10.3
Deferred tax liabilities	(2.7)
Total purchase price	<u>\$ 22.5</u>

Goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes and was allocated entirely to our International segment.

If the Liko Distributors had been acquired at the beginning of our 2011 fiscal year, the impact to revenues and net income on an unaudited pro forma basis would not have been significant to our financial results in any of the periods presented.

Encompass Joint Venture

On November 9, 2009, we entered into a joint venture with Encompass Group, LLC (“Encompass Group”), a leader in health care textiles and therapeutic and prevention surfaces, to form Encompass TSS, LLC (“Encompass”). This joint venture included contributed former assets of Encompass Therapeutic Support Systems (“ETSS”), a division of Encompass Group and was 60 percent owned by us and 40 percent owned by Encompass Group. Encompass Group, through its ETSS business unit, traditionally focused on providing surface replacement systems. For our 60 percent ownership interest in the Encompass JV we paid \$7.5 million to Encompass Group, contributed cash and entered into license and distribution agreements with Encompass JV.

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The following table summarizes the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of formation.

	<u>Amount</u>
Goodwill	\$ 8.0
Trade Name (7-year useful life).....	1.5
Customer relationships (7-year useful life).....	7.7
Technology (5-year useful life)	2.4
Net liabilities assumed.....	(0.7)
Noncontrolling interest.....	(7.5)
Additional paid-in-capital.....	(3.9)
Total purchase price.....	<u>\$ 7.5</u>

The Encompass JV agreements contained both a put option for Encompass Group and a call option for us, requiring or allowing us to purchase the remaining 40 percent interest based on predetermined earnings multiples. Changes to the value of the put were accreted to noncontrolling interest in our Consolidated Balance Sheet with the offset being recorded as a component of retained earnings.

The goodwill of \$8.0 million arising from the Encompass JV consisted largely of the synergies created from combining ETSS's focus on customer replacement surfaces with our platform brands. The goodwill is deductible for tax purposes and was allocated entirely to our North America segment.

On November 30, 2010, we exercised our call option and purchased the remaining 40 percent of Encompass for \$10.6 million, plus a variable earn-out with a minimum of \$1.2 million and a maximum of \$1.6 million per year over five years. We have a total of \$4.6 million accrued in other current liabilities and other long-term liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheet at September 30, 2012 related to the earn-out.

NOTE 3. IMPAIRMENT OF GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLES

We perform an impairment assessment on goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangibles on an annual basis during our third fiscal quarter, or more often if events or circumstances indicate there may be impairment. The assessments during the third quarter of 2012, 2011 and 2010 indicated that there was no impairment.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we were required to perform an interim impairment test on a trade name, triggered by strategic changes in how the asset would be utilized on a go forward basis. The fair value of the trade name was calculated with assistance from a third party valuation firm and resulted in a charge of \$8.0 million, as disclosed in Note 8. The relief from royalty approach was used by applying a royalty rate to future revenue projections and then a discount rate was applied. All Hill-Rom-specific data and analytics, including estimates and assumptions, used in the valuation prepared by the third party valuation firm were either prepared or validated by us. Management takes full responsibility for this data and the ultimate results of the valuation work. The fair value measurement was classified as Level 3, as described in Note 5.

As discussed in Note 11, we operate in three reportable business segments. Goodwill testing is performed at the reporting unit level, which is one level below a reportable business segment. We have determined that we have nine reporting units. Goodwill is assigned to reporting units at the date the goodwill is initially recorded and has been reallocated as necessary based on the restructuring of reporting units over time. Once goodwill has been assigned to reporting units, it no longer retains its association with a particular acquisition, and all of the activities within a reporting unit, whether acquired or organically grown, are available to support the value of the goodwill.

At the time of the impairment testing we had eight reporting units and for fiscal 2012, we used a qualitative approach on seven of our eight reporting units to determine if it was more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting units was less than their carrying amounts. These reporting units had an estimated fair value significantly in excess of their carrying value as of the fiscal 2011 goodwill impairment assessment. As such, the quantitative assessment was not required to be performed.

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The qualitative goodwill impairment assessment requires evaluating factors to determine that a reporting unit's carrying value would not more likely than not exceed its fair value. As part of our goodwill qualitative testing process for each reporting unit, we evaluate various factors that are specific to the reporting unit as well as industry and macroeconomic factors in order to determine whether it is reasonably likely to have a material impact on the fair value of our reporting units. Examples of the factors that were considered included the results of the most recent impairment test, current and long-range forecasted financial results, and changes in the strategic outlook or organizational structure of the reporting units. The long-range financial forecasts of the reporting units, which are based upon management's long-term view of our markets and are used by senior management and the Board of Directors to evaluate operating performance were compared to the forecasts used in the prior year analysis to determine if management expectations for the business have changed. Management changes in strategic outlook or organizational structure represent internally driven strategic or organizational changes that could have a material impact on our results of operations or product offerings. Industry, market changes and macroeconomic indicators represent our view on changes outside of the Company that could have a material impact on our results of operations, product offerings or future cash flow forecasts. For testing performed in fiscal 2012, we concluded that there were no changes that were reasonably likely to cause the fair value of the reporting units to be less than the reporting units' carrying value in the seven reporting units evaluated under this approach. In the event we were to determine that a reporting unit's carrying value would more likely than not exceed its fair value, quantitative testing would be performed comparing carrying values to estimated fair values.

Quantitative testing involves a two-step process. The first step, used to identify potential impairment, is a comparison of each reporting unit's estimated fair value to its carrying value, including goodwill. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, applicable goodwill is considered not to be impaired. If the carrying value exceeds fair value, there is an indication of impairment and the second step is performed to measure the amount of the impairment. The second step requires us to calculate an implied fair value of goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in the same manner as the amount of goodwill recognized in a business combination, which is the excess of the fair value of the reporting unit, as determined in the first step, over the aggregate fair values of the individual assets, liabilities and identifiable intangibles as if the reporting unit was being acquired in a business combination. If the goodwill assigned to a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill, an impairment charge is recorded for the excess. The first step of the quantitative impairment test was performed on one of our eight reporting units, with the fair value exceeding the carrying value of the reporting unit in excess of 50 percent. Because this reporting unit's fair value exceeded its carrying value, the goodwill was considered not to be impaired.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we changed our segment reporting to reflect changes in our organizational structure and management's view of the business. As part of these changes, we combined the North America Acute Care and components of the North America Post-Acute Care segments into a new North America segment. At the same time we created the Surgical and Respiratory Care segment which contains the surgical reporting unit (formerly part of the North America Acute Care segment), the respiratory care reporting unit (formerly part of the North America Post-Acute Care segment) and the recently acquired Aspen Surgical business. There were no changes to the International segment. The prior year segment information included below has been updated to reflect these changes.

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The following summarizes goodwill activity:

	North America	Surgical and Respiratory Care	International	Total
Balances at September 30, 2010:				
Goodwill	\$ 383.0	\$ 56.2	\$ 114.7	\$ 553.9
Accumulated impairment losses	(358.1)	—	(114.7)	(472.8)
Goodwill, net at September 30, 2010.....	24.9	56.2	—	81.1
Changes in Goodwill during the period:				
Goodwill related to acquisitions.....	—	—	6.1	6.1
Balances at September 30, 2011:				
Goodwill	383.0	56.2	120.8	560.0
Accumulated impairment losses	(358.1)	—	(114.7)	(472.8)
Goodwill, net at September 30, 2011.....	24.9	56.2	6.1	87.2
Changes in Goodwill during the period:				
Goodwill related to acquisition	—	215.3	35.1	250.4
Currency translation effect.....	—	—	(2.4)	(2.4)
Balances at September 30, 2012:				
Goodwill	383.0	271.5	153.5	808.0
Accumulated impairment losses	(358.1)	—	(114.7)	(472.8)
Goodwill, net at September 30, 2012.....	\$ 24.9	\$ 271.5	\$ 38.8	\$ 335.2

During the first quarter of fiscal 2012, we recorded an adjustment to goodwill of \$0.3 million related to the Liko Distributors acquisition completed during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011. During the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we acquired Völker and recorded goodwill on the acquisition of \$34.8 million. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we acquired Aspen Surgical and recorded goodwill on the acquisition of \$215.3 million.

NOTE 4. FINANCING AGREEMENTS

Total debt consists of the following:

	Years Ended September 30	
	2012	2011
Outstanding finance credit lines.....	\$ 0.2	\$ 7.8
Revolving credit facility	105.0	45.0
Term loan current portion	10.0	—
Term loan long-term portion.....	187.5	—
Unsecured 8.50% debentures due on December 1, 2011	—	47.5
Unsecured 7.00% debentures due on February 15, 2024.....	19.6	19.7
Unsecured 6.75% debentures due on December 15, 2027.....	29.8	29.8
Other	0.6	1.3
Total debt.....	352.7	151.1
Less current portion of debt	115.2	100.3
Total long-term debt	\$ 237.5	\$ 50.8

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The following table summarizes the scheduled maturities of long-term debt for fiscal years 2013 through 2017:

	<u>Term Loan</u>
2013	10.0
2014	11.3
2015	16.2
2016	20.0
2017	140.0

We have trade finance credit lines and uncommitted letter of credit facilities. These lines are associated with the normal course of business and are not currently, nor have they historically, been of material size to the overall business.

Unsecured debentures outstanding at September 30, 2012 have fixed rates of interest. We have deferred gains included in the amounts above from the termination of previous interest rate swap agreements, and those deferred gains amounted to less than \$1 million at both September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2011. The deferred gains on the termination of the swaps are being amortized and recognized as a reduction of interest expense over the remaining term of the related debt through 2025, and as a result, the effective interest rates on that debt have been and will continue to be lower than the stated interest rates on the debt.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we entered into a new credit facility. The new credit facility provides for revolving loans of up to \$500.0 million, plus term loans in the aggregate amount of \$200.0 million. It is to be used for general corporate purposes, including financing permitted acquisitions. The Company may request to increase the revolving loan commitment and the amount of the term loans by up to an additional \$250.0 million. All amounts due under the new credit facility mature upon expiration on August 24, 2017. The term loans will amortize so that 37.5 percent of the principal will be repaid over the five year term, with the balance due at maturity. The new credit facility replaces in its entirety our previous \$500.0 million credit agreement dated March 28, 2008, as amended, which was scheduled to expire in March 2013. Borrowings under the credit facility and term loan bear interest at variable rates specified therein, that for fiscal 2012 were under 2.0 percent, and the availability of borrowings is subject to our ability at the time of borrowing to meet certain specified conditions, including compliance with covenants contained in the credit agreement governing the facility. The credit facility contains covenants that, among other matters, require us to maintain a ratio of consolidated indebtedness to consolidated EBITDA (each as defined in the credit agreement) of not more than 3.5:1.0 and a ratio of consolidated EBITDA to interest expense of not less than 3.5:1.0. The proceeds of the five-year facility shall be used, as needed: (i) for working capital, capital expenditures, and other lawful corporate purposes; and (ii) to finance acquisitions.

As of September 30, 2012, we had outstanding borrowings of \$105.0 million and undrawn letters of credit of \$5.8 million under the \$500.0 million five-year facility, leaving \$389.2 million of borrowing capacity available under the facility. The outstanding balance on the term loan was \$197.5 million at September 30, 2012, of which \$10.0 million is recognized as the current portion of the balance due.

The fair value of our debt is estimated based on the quoted market prices for the same or similar issues or on the current rates offered to us for debt of the same remaining maturities. The book values of our short-term debt instruments approximate fair value. The estimated fair values of our long-term unsecured debentures were \$56.2 million and \$52.6 million at September 30, 2012 and 2011, and were based on observable inputs such as quoted prices in markets that are not active. The estimated fair value of our term loan was \$197.5 million based on quoted prices for similar liabilities at September 30, 2012, and was entered into during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 at current market rates. The fair value measurements for both our long-term unsecured debentures and our term loan were classified as Level 2, as described in Note 5.

NOTE 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value measurements are classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

- Level 1: Financial instruments with unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets and liabilities.

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- Level 2: Financial instruments with observable inputs other than those included in Level 1 such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
- Level 3: Financial instruments with unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Unobservable inputs reflect our own assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk). Unobservable inputs shall be developed based on the best information available in the circumstances, which might include our own data.

The following table summarizes our financial assets and liabilities included in our Consolidated Balance Sheets, measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	Balance at September 30, 2012	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 84.3	\$ 84.3	\$ —	\$ —
Available-for-sale marketable securities.....	7.3	—	—	7.3
Total assets at fair value.....	\$ 91.6	\$ 84.3	\$ —	\$ 7.3

	Balance at September 30, 2011	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 224.6	\$ 224.6	\$ —	\$ —
Available-for-sale marketable securities.....	11.1	—	—	11.1
Total assets at fair value.....	\$ 235.7	\$ 224.6	\$ —	\$ 11.1

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument for which it is practicable to estimate that value.

At September 30, 2012, we had \$7.3 million of AAA rated investment securities which consisted primarily of student loan auction rate securities. While we continue to earn interest on the ARS at the contractual rate, these investments are not currently being bought and sold in an active market and therefore do not have readily determinable market values. At September 30, 2012, our investment advisors provided a valuation based on unobservable inputs for the ARS. The investment advisors utilized a discounted cash flow approach (an “income approach”) to arrive at this valuation, which was corroborated by separate and comparable discounted cash flow analysis prepared by us. The assumptions used in preparing the discounted cash flow model include estimates of interest rates, timing and amount of cash flows, credit spread related yield and illiquidity premiums, and expected holding periods of the ARS. These assumptions are volatile and subject to change as the underlying sources of these assumptions and market conditions change. See below for a reconciliation of the beginning to ending balances of these assets and the related change in the fair value of these assets during fiscal 2012.

Currently, we intend, and believe we have the ability to hold these assets until market conditions are more favorable. If current market conditions do not improve or worsen, the result could be further realized or unrealized losses.

The following table presents the activity related to our ARS during the fiscal year.

	Available-For-Sale	AOCL	(Gain)/Loss
Balance at October 1, 2011.....	\$ 11.1	\$ 1.3	\$ —
Change in fair value.....	—	—	—
Sales or redemptions.....	(3.8)	(0.8)	0.1
Balance at September 30, 2012	\$ 7.3	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.1

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The components of the change in our unrealized gains were as follows:

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for sale securities:.....			
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during period, net-of-tax	\$ 0.7	\$ (0.2)	\$ 0.2
Less: Reclassification adjustment for losses (gains) realized in net income, net-of-tax.....	0.1	—	(0.1)
Net change in unrealized gains (losses), net-of-tax	<u>\$ 0.8</u>	<u>\$ (0.2)</u>	<u>\$ 0.1</u>

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010, we recognized income on our investments of \$1.3 million, \$2.0 million and \$2.3 million, which did not include any impairments.

Financial instruments not carried at fair value consist of our debt. See further fair value discussion in Note 4.

The carrying amounts of current assets and liabilities approximate fair value because of the short maturity of those instruments.

NOTE 6. RETIREMENT AND POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

Our retirement plans consist of defined benefit plans, a postretirement healthcare plan, and defined contribution savings plans. Plans cover certain employees both in and outside of the U.S.

Retirement Plans

We sponsor four defined benefit plans. Those plans include a master defined benefit retirement plan, a nonqualified supplemental executive defined benefit retirement plan, and two defined benefit retirement plans covering employees in Germany and France. During 2010, we merged the defined benefit plan related to our fiscal 2004 acquisition of Mediq, Inc. (Mediq) into the master defined benefit plan. Benefits for such plans are based primarily on years of service and the employee's level of compensation during specific periods of employment. We contribute funds to trusts as necessary to provide for current service and for any unfunded projected future benefit obligation over a reasonable period of time. All of our plans have a September 30th measurement date.

Effect on Operations

The components of net periodic benefit cost for our defined benefit retirement plans were as follows:

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Service cost.....	\$ 5.5	\$ 5.2	\$ 5.1
Interest cost.....	13.3	13.2	13.2
Expected return on plan assets.....	(16.7)	(16.7)	(13.1)
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost, net	0.6	0.6	0.6
Amortization of net loss.....	6.1	4.0	2.6
Net periodic benefit cost.....	<u>\$ 8.8</u>	<u>\$ 6.3</u>	<u>\$ 8.4</u>

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Obligations and Funded Status

The change in benefit obligations, plan assets and funded status, along with amounts recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets for our defined benefit retirement plans were as follows:

	September 30	
	2012	2011
Change in benefit obligation:		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 295.9	\$ 266.5
Service cost	5.5	5.2
Interest cost	13.3	13.2
Actuarial loss.....	21.7	19.4
Benefits paid.....	(8.5)	(8.2)
Acquisitions	0.1	—
Exchange rate gain	(0.6)	(0.2)
Benefit obligation at end of year	<u>327.4</u>	<u>295.9</u>
Change in plan assets:		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	217.3	215.7
Actual return on plan assets	37.0	8.8
Employer contributions	1.0	1.0
Benefits paid.....	(8.5)	(8.2)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year.....	<u>246.8</u>	<u>217.3</u>
Funded status and net amounts recognized.....	<u>\$ (80.6)</u>	<u>\$ (78.6)</u>
Amounts recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets:		
Accrued pension benefits, current portion.....	\$ (0.1)	\$ (0.1)
Accrued pension benefits, long-term.....	(80.5)	(78.5)
Net amount recognized.....	<u>\$ (80.6)</u>	<u>\$ (78.6)</u>

In addition to the amounts above, net actuarial losses of \$100.0 million and prior service costs of \$2.4 million, less an applicable aggregate tax effect of \$38.7 million are included as components of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) at September 30, 2012. At September 30, 2011, net actuarial losses of \$104.2 million and prior service costs of \$2.9 million, less an applicable aggregate tax effect of \$40.7 million, were included as components of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The estimated net actuarial loss and prior service cost for our defined benefit retirement plans that will be amortized from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) into net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year are \$7.8 million and \$0.6 million.

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Accumulated Benefit Obligation

The accumulated benefit obligation for all defined benefit pension plans was \$302.4 million and \$271.6 million at September 30, 2012 and 2011. Selected information for our plans, including plans with accumulated benefit obligations exceeding plan assets, was as follows:

	September 30					
	2012			2011		
	PBO	ABO	Plan Assets	PBO	ABO	Plan Assets
Supplemental executive plan	\$ 4.4	\$ 4.2	\$ —	\$ 4.4	\$ 3.7	\$ —
Master plan	309.5	285.7	246.4	278.5	255.7	216.9
German plan	10.4	10.4	—	10.5	10.5	—
French plan	3.1	2.1	0.4	2.5	1.7	0.4
	<u>\$ 327.4</u>	<u>\$ 302.4</u>	<u>\$ 246.8</u>	<u>\$ 295.9</u>	<u>\$ 271.6</u>	<u>\$ 217.3</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The weighted average assumptions used in accounting for our domestic pension plans were as follows:

	2012	2011	2010
Weighted average assumptions to determined benefit obligations at the measurement date:			
Discount rate for obligation	4.1%	4.6%	5.1%
Rate of compensation increase	3.3%	3.5%	3.5%
Weighted average assumptions to determined benefit cost for the year:			
Discount rate for expense	4.6%	5.1%	5.5%
Expected rate of return on plan assets.....	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%
Rate of compensation increase	3.5%	3.5%	4.0%

The discount rates used in the valuation of our defined benefit pension plans are evaluated annually based on current market conditions. In setting these rates we utilize long-term bond indices and yield curves as a preliminary indication of interest rate movements, and then make adjustments to the respective indices to reflect differences in the terms of the bonds covered under the indices in comparison to the projected outflow of our pension obligations. The overall expected long-term rate of return is based on historical and expected future returns, which are inflation adjusted and weighted for the expected return for each component of the investment portfolio, as well as taking into consideration economic and capital market conditions. The rate of assumed compensation increase is also based on our specific historical trends of past wage adjustments.

Plan Assets

The weighted average asset allocations of our master defined benefit retirement plan at September 30, 2012 and 2011, by asset category, along with target allocations, are as follows:

	2012 Target Allocation	2011 Target Allocation	2012 Actual Allocation	2011 Actual Allocation
Equity securities.....	40 - 60%	40 - 60%	50%	47%
Fixed income securities	40 - 60%	40 - 60%	50%	53%
Total.....			<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

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We have a Plan Committee that sets investment guidelines with the assistance of an external consultant. These guidelines are established based on market conditions, risk tolerance, funding requirements and expected benefit payments. The Plan Committee also oversees the investment allocation process, selects the investment managers and monitors asset performance. As pension liabilities are long-term in nature, we employ a long-term total return approach to maximize the long-term rate of return on plan assets for a prudent level of risk. Target allocations are guidelines, not limitations, and plan fiduciaries may occasionally approve allocations above or below a target range or elect to rebalance the portfolio within the targeted range.

The investment portfolio contains a diversified portfolio of primarily equities and fixed income securities. Securities are also diversified in terms of domestic and international securities, short- and long-term securities, growth and value styles, large cap and small cap stocks. The Plan Committee believes with prudent risk tolerance and asset diversification, the account should be able to meet its pension obligations in the future.

Trust assets are invested subject to the following policy restrictions: short-term securities must be rated A2/P2 or higher; all fixed-income securities shall have a credit quality rating “BBB” or higher; investments in equities in any one company may not exceed 10 percent of the equity portfolio.

Fair Value Measurements of Plan Assets

The following table summarizes the valuation of our pension plan assets by pricing categories:

	Balance at September 30, 2012	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Cash	\$ 2.3	\$ 2.3	\$ —	\$ —
Equities				
US companies.....	87.8	87.8	—	—
International companies.....	34.9	34.9	—	—
Fixed income securities	121.4	64.1	57.3	—
Other	0.4	0.4	—	—
Total plan assets at fair value	\$ 246.8	\$ 189.5	\$ 57.3	\$ —

	Balance at September 30, 2011	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Cash	\$ 2.3	\$ 2.3	\$ —	\$ —
Equities				
US companies.....	70.3	70.3	—	—
International companies.....	30.7	30.7	—	—
Fixed income securities	113.6	58.4	55.2	—
Other	0.4	0.4	—	—
Total plan assets at fair value.....	\$ 217.3	\$ 162.1	\$ 55.2	\$ —

The Level 2 fixed income securities are commingled funds valued using the net asset value (“NAV”) unit price provided by the fund administrator. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, all of which are publicly traded securities. For further descriptions of the asset Levels used in the above chart, refer to Note 5.

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Cash Flows

Our U.S. qualified defined benefit plan is funded in excess of 80 percent, and therefore we expect that the plan will not be subject to the “at risk” funding requirements of the Pension Protection Act.

During 2012 and 2011, we contributed cash of \$1.0 million and \$1.0 million to our defined benefit retirement plans. We do not expect to contribute to our master defined benefit retirement plan in fiscal year 2013, due to the significant contribution of \$50.0 million made during 2010, however, minimal contributions will be required for our unfunded plans.

Estimated Future Benefit Payments

The benefit payments, which are expected to be funded through plan assets and company contributions and reflect expected future service, are expected to be paid as follows:

	<u>Pension Benefits</u>
2013.....	\$ 10.2
2014.....	10.8
2015.....	11.6
2016.....	12.5
2017.....	13.4
2018-2022	82.4

Defined Contribution Savings Plans

We have defined contribution savings plans that cover substantially all U.S. employees and certain non-U.S. employees. The general purpose of these plans is to provide additional financial security during retirement by providing employees with an incentive to make regular savings. Company contributions to the plans are based on eligibility and employee contributions. Expense under these plans was \$13.3 million, \$13.0 million and \$12.6 million in fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Postretirement Health Care Plan

In addition to defined benefit retirement plans, we also offer a domestic postretirement health care plan that provides health care benefits to qualified retirees and their dependents. The plan includes retiree cost sharing provisions and generally extends retiree coverage for medical, prescription and dental benefits beyond the COBRA continuation period to the date of Medicare eligibility. We use a measurement date of September 30 for this plan.

The postretirement health care plan reflected a benefit during fiscal 2012, 2011 and 2010 of (\$0.3) million, (\$0.1) million and (\$1.0) million. The change in the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation was as follows:

	<u>Years Ended September 30</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Change in benefit obligation:		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year.....	\$ 9.5	\$ 9.7
Service cost.....	0.4	0.4
Interest cost.....	0.3	0.4
Actuarial gain.....	—	(0.6)
Benefits paid.....	(0.9)	(0.7)
Retiree contributions.....	0.3	0.3
Benefit obligation at end of year.....	<u>\$ 9.6</u>	<u>\$ 9.5</u>
Amounts recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets:		
Accrued benefits obligation, current portion.....	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.6
Accrued benefits obligation, long-term.....	9.1	8.9
Net amount recognized.....	<u>\$ 9.6</u>	<u>\$ 9.5</u>

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During fiscal 2012 and 2011, we contributed \$0.6 million and \$0.4 million to the plan.

In addition to the amounts above, net actuarial gains of \$1.6 million and prior service credits of \$3.8 million, less an applicable aggregate tax effect of \$2.1 million are included as components of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) at September 30, 2012. At September 30, 2011, net actuarial gains of \$1.7 million and prior service credits of \$4.8 million, less an applicable aggregate tax effect of \$2.5 million, were included as components of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The estimated net actuarial gain and prior service benefit for our postretirement health care plan that will be amortized from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) into net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year are (\$0.1) million and (\$0.9) million.

The discount rate used to determine the net periodic benefit cost for the postretirement health care plan during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was 4.0, 4.4 and 5.5 percent. The discount rate used to determine the benefit obligation as of September 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was 3.3, 4.0 and 4.4 percent. As of September 30, 2012 the health care-cost trend rates were assumed to decrease as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Year 1.....	6.75%	7.25%	7.75%
Year 2.....	6.25%	6.75%	7.25%
Year 3.....	5.75%	6.25%	6.75%
Year 4.....	5.25%	5.75%	6.25%
Year 5.....	5.00%	5.25%	5.75%
Year 6.....	5.00%	5.00%	5.25%
Year 7.....	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Year 8 and beyond.....	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%

A one-percentage-point increase/decrease in the assumed health care cost trend rates as of September 30, 2012 would cause an increase/decrease in service and interest costs of less than \$0.1 million, along with an increase/decrease in the benefit obligation of \$0.9 million and \$0.8 million.

We fund the postretirement health care plan as benefits are paid, and current plan benefits are expected to require net company contributions of approximately \$0.5 million in fiscal 2013 and less than \$1.0 million per year thereafter.

NOTE 7. COMMON STOCK

Share Repurchases

We repurchased 1.5 million, 3.0 million and 1.0 million shares of our common stock during fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 for \$42.4 million, \$110.0 million and \$34.5 million, respectively, in the open market. In May 2011, our Board of Directors approved an expansion of our share repurchase authorization by 3.0 million shares. Share repurchases may be made through the open market or private transactions. As of September 30, 2012 a cumulative total of 28.2 million shares had been repurchased by us at market trading prices, leaving 0.5 million shares remaining for purchase under the Board's authorization. The Board's approval has no expiration date and currently there are no plans to terminate this program in the future.

Stock-Based Compensation

We have stock-based compensation plans under which employees and non-employee directors may be granted options to purchase shares of Company common stock at the fair market value at the time of grant. In addition to stock options, we grant performance-based stock options, performance share units ("PSUs") and RSUs to certain management level employees and vested deferred stock to non-employee directors. We also offer eligible employees the opportunity to buy shares of our common stock at a discount via an Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"). The ESPP was approved by our shareholders in fiscal 2009 and did not have a significant impact on our financial statements in any fiscal year.

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Our primary stock-based compensation program is the Stock Incentive Plan, which has been approved by our shareholders. Under the Stock Incentive Plan, we have a total of 15.3 million authorized shares. At September 30, 2012, 5.5 million shares were available for future grants under our stock-based compensation plans. We generally settle our stock-based awards with treasury shares. As of September 30, 2012, we had 19.5 million treasury shares available for use to settle stock-based awards.

The following table sets forth a summary of the annual stock-based compensation cost that was charged against income for all types of awards:

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Total stock-based compensation cost (pre-tax).....	\$ 11.6	\$ 12.2	\$ 12.0
Total income tax benefit	(4.2)	(4.5)	(4.4)
Total stock-based compensation cost, net of tax.....	<u>\$ 7.4</u>	<u>\$ 7.7</u>	<u>\$ 7.6</u>

Stock Options

Stock options granted by our Compensation Committee under the Stock Incentive Plan are non-qualified stock options. These awards are generally granted with exercise prices equal to the average of the high and low prices of our common stock on the date of grant. They vest in equal annual installments over a three or four year period and the maximum contractual term is ten years. We use a Binomial option-pricing model to estimate the fair value of stock options, and compensation cost is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period.

The following table sets forth the weighted average fair value per share of stock options and the related valuation assumptions used in the determination of those fair values, excluding performance-based stock options:

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Weighted average fair value per share.....	\$ 9.79	\$ 12.31	\$ 7.86
Valuation assumptions:			
Risk-free interest rate	1.0%	1.2%	2.4%
Expected dividend yield.....	1.4%	1.1%	1.7%
Expected volatility	41.2%	37.3%	37.2%
Weighted average expected life	4.8 years	5.3 years	5.6 years

The risk-free interest rate is based upon observed U.S. Treasury interest rates appropriate for the term of our employee stock options. Expected dividend yield is based on the history and our expectation of dividend payouts. Expected volatility for options was based on the median volatility of our Peer Group. Expected life represents the weighted average period the stock options are expected to remain outstanding and is a derived output of the Binomial model. The expected life of employee stock options is impacted by the above assumptions as well as the post-vesting forfeiture rate and the exercise factor used in the Binomial model. These two variables are based on the history of exercises and forfeitures for previous stock options granted by us and Hillenbrand Industries, Inc., our predecessor.

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The following table summarizes transactions under our stock option plans, excluding performance-based stock options, for fiscal year 2012:

	Weighted Average Number of Shares (in thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (1) (in millions)
Balance Outstanding at October 1, 2011	1,704	\$ 30.05		
Granted.....	825	30.65		
Exercised.....	(144)	24.00		
Cancelled/Forfeited.....	(282)	32.28		
Balance Outstanding at September 30, 2012	2,103	\$ 30.41	7.4 years	\$ 3.9
Exercisable at September 30, 2012	731	\$ 28.60	5.4 years	\$ 2.1
Options Expected to Vest	1,184	\$ 31.26	8.4 years	\$ 1.7

- (1) The aggregate intrinsic value represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value, based on our closing stock price of \$29.06, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on September 30, 2012. This amount, which changes continuously based on the fair value of our common stock, would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options as of the balance sheet date.

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$1.3 million, \$23.3 million and \$3.9 million.

As of September 30, 2012, there was \$9.4 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to stock options granted under the Plan. This unrecognized compensation expense does not reflect a reduction for our estimate of potential forfeitures, and is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.3 years.

Performance-Based Stock Options

Our Compensation Committee sometimes grants performance-based stock options to a limited number of our executives. These awards are consistent with our compensation program's guiding principles and are designed to align management's interests with those of shareholders. Option prices and the term of such awards are similar to our stock options; however, vesting of the performance grants is contingent upon the achievement of performance targets and corresponding service requirements. Performance targets are set at the date of grant with a threshold, target and maximum level. The number of options that ultimately vests increases at each level of performance attained. Expense recognized to date related to performance-based stock options has not been significant.

The fair values of the performance options are estimated on the date of the grant using the Binomial option-pricing model and related valuation assumptions for stock options, as previously discussed. For certain performance awards with a market condition such as total shareholder return, as described below, a Monte-Carlo simulation method is used to determine fair value. The Monte-Carlo simulation is a generally accepted statistical technique used to generate a defined number of stock price paths in order to develop a reasonable estimate of the range of our and the Peer Group's future expected stock prices and minimizes standard error.

As of September 30, 2012, the total number of performance-based stock options granted and outstanding is approximately 0.2 million shares. There is no unrecognized compensation expense related to performance-based stock options as of September 30, 2012 as the performance period concluded as of September 30, 2011.

The basis for the assumptions listed above is similar to the valuation assumptions used for non-performance-based stock options, as discussed previously.

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The following table summarizes our stock option activity related to performance-based stock options for fiscal year 2012.

	Weighted Average Number of Shares (in thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (1) (in millions)
Balance Outstanding at October 1, 2011	524	\$ 19.39		
Granted.....	—	—		
Exercised.....	(217)	19.39		
Cancelled/Forfeited.....	(131)	19.39		
Balance Outstanding at September 30, 2012	176	\$ 19.39	3.7 years	\$ 1.7

- (1) The aggregate intrinsic value represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value, based on our closing stock price of \$29.06 as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on September 30, 2012. This amount, which changes continuously based on the fair value of our common stock, would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options as of the balance sheet date.

Restricted Stock Units

RSUs are granted to certain employees with fair values equal to the average of the high and low prices of our common stock on the date of grant, multiplied by the number of units granted. RSU grants are contingent upon continued employment and vest over periods ranging from one to five years. Dividends, payable in common stock equivalents, accrue on the grants and are subject to the same specified terms as the original grants, including the risk of forfeiture.

The following table summarizes transactions for our nonvested RSUs for fiscal year 2012:

	Number of Share Units (in thousands)	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested RSUs at October 1, 2011	406	\$ 29.03
Granted.....	108	30.76
Vested	(139)	26.77
Forfeited.....	(68)	30.45
Nonvested RSUs at September 30, 2012.....	307	\$ 30.38

As of September 30, 2012, there was \$5.3 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to nonvested RSUs granted under the Stock Incentive Plan. This unrecognized compensation expense does not reflect a reduction for our estimate of potential forfeitures, and is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2 years. The total vest date fair value of shares that vested during fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$6.8 million, \$15.9 million and \$7.3 million.

Performance Share Units

Our Compensation Committee grants PSUs to certain employees and these awards are subject to any stock dividends, stock splits, and other similar rights inuring to common stock, but unlike our RSUs are not entitled to dividend reinvestment. Vesting of the grants is contingent upon achievement of performance targets and corresponding service requirements.

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The fair value of the PSUs is equal to the average of the high and low prices of our common stock on the date of grant, multiplied by the number of units granted. For PSUs with a market condition such as total shareholder return, the Monte-Carlo simulation method is used to determine fair value. The following table sets forth the weighted average fair value per share for total shareholder return PSUs and the related valuation assumptions used in the determination of those fair values:

	Years Ended September 30	
	2012	2011
Weighted average fair value per share.....	\$23.26	\$31.13
Valuation assumptions:		
Risk-free interest rate.....	0.4%	0.8%
Expected dividend yield.....	0.0%	1.1%
Expected volatility.....	35.6%	39.8 - 41.7%

The basis for the assumptions listed above is similar to the valuation assumptions used for stock options, as discussed previously.

The following table summarizes transactions for our nonvested PSUs for fiscal 2012:

	Number of Share Units (in thousands)	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested PSUs as of October 1, 2011.....	242	\$ 22.52
Granted.....	265	23.26
Vested.....	(36)	13.20
Forfeited.....	(79)	21.30
Nonvested PSUs at September 30, 2012.....	392	\$ 25.40

As of September 30, 2012, there was \$6.1 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to PSUs granted under the Stock Incentive Plan based on the expected achievement of certain performance targets or market conditions. This unrecognized compensation expense does not reflect a reduction for our estimate of potential forfeitures, and is expected to be recognized by the end of fiscal 2014.

NOTE 8. SPECIAL CHARGES

Over the past several years, we have placed a focus on improving our cost structure and business processes through various means including consolidation of certain manufacturing and select back office operations, customer rationalizations and various other organizational changes. The charges associated with these actions are summarized below.

2012 Actions

- During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$4.7 million for certain tangible assets for which the carrying values could not be fully recovered as a result of strategic decisions made relative to the exiting of underperforming portions of our home care business. Also associated with this action was the elimination of approximately 100 positions and the related charge of \$1.0 million, primarily related to severance and other benefits to be provided to the effected employees. These actions and the related cash expenditures are expected to be completed by the end of fiscal year 2013.
- During the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we announced a plan to improve our cost structure and streamline our organization by, among other things, eliminating approximately 200 positions across the Company resulting in a special charge of \$9.3 million, net of reversals, recognized throughout fiscal 2012 primarily related to severance and other benefits to be provided to the effected employees. We also recorded an impairment of certain tangible assets for which the carrying values could not be fully recovered as a result of various strategic decisions, which resulted in a non-cash charge of \$3.2 million. In addition, we recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$8.0 million related to a previously acquired trade name whose assessment was triggered by strategic changes in how the asset would be utilized on a go forward basis. These actions and the related cash expenditures were substantially complete by the end of fiscal year 2012, but some will be paid in fiscal 2013.

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2011 Actions

- During the second quarter of fiscal 2011, we recorded an additional special charge of \$2.6 million related to our fiscal 2010 fourth quarter action. The majority of the charge related to additional severance and other benefits provided to affected employees of that action as well as a write-down of assets held for sale. During the third quarter of fiscal 2011, we recorded a benefit of \$1.2 million primarily related to the net reversal of severance recorded in relation to our fourth quarter of fiscal 2010 restructuring action, partially offset by an additional write-down of assets held for sale. The remainder of the cash expenditures associated with the severance will be completed before the end of fiscal 2013.

2010 Actions

- During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010, we announced plans to eliminate approximately 100 positions which resulted in a special charge of \$4.3 million primarily related to severance and other benefits provided to affected employees. We also recorded a charge of \$3.9 million related to write-downs associated with the planned disposal of two aircraft from our corporate aviation assets, which are jointly owned with Hillenbrand, Inc. The loss was recognized net of management's estimate of amounts to be recovered. The assets held for sale are recorded in other current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheet.
- During the second quarter of fiscal 2010, we announced organizational changes including the elimination of approximately 160 positions across the Company. The result was a special charge of \$5.0 million primarily related to severance and other benefits provided to affected employees. The majority of the cash expenditures associated with the severance was completed by the end of our 2011 fiscal year.

Severance activity related to these actions during fiscal 2012 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance September 30, 2011	Expenses	Cash Payments	Reversals	Ending Balance September 30, 2012
Fiscal Year 2012					
Q2 Action - Restructuring.....	\$ —	\$ 8.4	\$ (5.0)	\$ —	\$ 3.4
Q4 Action - Restructuring.....	—	1.0	—	—	1.0
Total Fiscal Year 2012.....	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 9.4</u>	<u>\$ (5.0)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 4.4</u>
Fiscal Year 2010					
Q2 Action - Restructuring.....	\$ 0.4	\$ —	\$ (0.4)	\$ —	\$ —
Q4 Action - Restructuring.....	1.5	—	(0.9)	(0.3)	0.3
Total Fiscal Year 2010.....	<u>\$ 1.9</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (1.3)</u>	<u>\$ (0.3)</u>	<u>\$ 0.3</u>
Total.....	<u>\$ 1.9</u>	<u>\$ 9.4</u>	<u>\$ (6.3)</u>	<u>\$ (0.3)</u>	<u>\$ 4.7</u>

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NOTE 9. INCOME TAXES

The significant components of income before income taxes and the consolidated income tax provision were as follows:

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Income before income taxes:			
Domestic	\$ 148.6	\$ 122.5	\$ 169.4
Foreign	14.9	37.2	13.5
Total	<u>\$ 163.5</u>	<u>\$ 159.7</u>	<u>\$ 182.9</u>
Income tax expense:			
Current provision			
Federal	\$ 65.9	\$ 41.1	\$ 35.9
State	4.3	2.3	(5.3)
Foreign	4.8	4.3	7.0
Total current provision	<u>75.0</u>	<u>47.7</u>	<u>37.6</u>
Deferred provision:			
Federal	(29.2)	(0.8)	15.2
State	0.1	(0.2)	4.4
Foreign	(3.2)	(20.5)	(0.3)
Total deferred provision	<u>(32.3)</u>	<u>(21.5)</u>	<u>19.3</u>
Income tax expense	<u>\$ 42.7</u>	<u>\$ 26.2</u>	<u>\$ 56.9</u>

Differences between income tax expense reported for financial reporting purposes and that computed based upon the application of the statutory U.S. Federal tax rate to the reported income before income taxes were as follows:

	Years Ended September 30					
	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	% of Pretax Income	Amount	% of Pretax Income	Amount	% of Pretax Income
Federal income tax (a)	\$ 57.2	35.0	\$ 55.9	35.0	\$ 64.0	35.0
State income tax (b)	3.5	2.2	2.4	1.5	4.8	2.6
Foreign income tax (c)	(3.4)	(2.1)	(8.0)	(5.0)	(0.6)	(0.3)
International tax restructuring	(11.0)	(6.7)	—	—	—	—
Application of federal tax credits	(0.6)	(0.4)	(4.1)	(2.5)	(0.6)	(0.3)
Adjustment of estimated income tax accruals	(2.1)	(1.3)	2.3	1.4	(9.7)	(5.4)
Valuation of tax attributes	0.3	0.2	(19.5)	(12.2)	—	—
Other, net	(1.2)	(0.8)	(2.8)	(1.8)	(1.0)	(0.5)
Income tax expense	<u>\$ 42.7</u>	<u>26.1</u>	<u>\$ 26.2</u>	<u>16.4</u>	<u>\$ 56.9</u>	<u>31.1</u>

(a) At statutory rate.

(b) Net of Federal benefit.

(c) Federal tax rate differential.

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The tax effect of temporary differences that gave rise to the deferred tax balance sheet accounts were as follows:

	Years Ended September 30	
	2012	2011
Deferred tax assets:		
Employee benefit accruals	\$ 53.9	\$ 58.5
Reserve for bad debts	12.4	9.3
Accrued warranty	10.5	5.5
Net operating loss carryforwards	39.4	22.8
Tax credit carryforwards	1.8	1.9
Other, net	26.7	30.4
	<u>144.7</u>	<u>128.4</u>
Less: Valuation allowance	(8.6)	(8.1)
Total deferred tax assets	<u>136.1</u>	<u>120.3</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Depreciation	(33.9)	(41.2)
Amortization	(81.1)	(33.9)
Other, net	(2.0)	(4.7)
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>(117.0)</u>	<u>(79.8)</u>
Deferred tax asset - net	<u>\$ 19.1</u>	<u>\$ 40.5</u>

At September 30, 2012, we had \$35.0 million of deferred tax assets related to operating loss carryforwards in foreign jurisdictions that are subject to various carryforward periods with the majority eligible to be carried forward for an unlimited period. We had \$1.9 million of deferred tax assets related to domestic federal net operating loss carryforwards that expire in 2031. We also had \$2.5 million of deferred tax assets related to state net operating loss carryforwards, which expire between 2013 and 2031. For tax credits, we had \$1.5 million of deferred tax assets related to state credits, which expire between 2013 and 2027 and \$0.3 million of credits in foreign jurisdictions that do not expire.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we recognized a one-time tax benefit of \$11.0 million related to the tax reorganization of a portion of our international operations. The reorganization triggered adjustments to the value of certain of our deferred tax attributes including the write-off of deferred tax liabilities that had previously reduced the realizable value of our foreign net operating loss carryforwards.

The gross deferred tax assets as of September 30, 2012 were reduced by valuation allowances of \$8.6 million relating primarily to foreign tax attributes as it is more likely than not that some portion or all of these tax attributes will not be realized. In evaluating whether it is more likely than not that we would recover our deferred tax assets, future taxable income, the reversal of existing temporary differences and tax planning strategies were considered. We believe that our estimates for the valuation allowances recorded against deferred tax assets are appropriate based on current facts and circumstances.

We operate under tax holidays in both Singapore and Puerto Rico. The Singapore tax holiday is effective through 2016 while the Puerto Rico tax holiday is effective through 2025. Both incentives are conditional on meeting certain employment and/or investment thresholds. The impact of these tax holidays decreased foreign taxes by \$1.7 million in fiscal 2012 and \$0.7 million for fiscal 2011. The benefit of the tax holidays on net income per share (diluted) was \$0.03 and \$0.01 for fiscal 2012 and 2011, respectively.

We file a consolidated federal income tax return as well as multiple state, local and foreign jurisdiction tax returns. In the normal course of business, we are subject to examination by the taxing authorities in each of the jurisdictions where we file tax returns. During fiscal 2012, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") concluded its audit for fiscal year 2010. Also during fiscal 2012, the IRS initiated and is still conducting its post-filing examination of the fiscal 2011 consolidated federal return. We continue to participate in the IRS Compliance Assurance Program ("CAP") for fiscal year 2012 and have submitted the application to remain in the CAP for fiscal 2013 and 2014. The CAP provides the opportunity for the IRS to review certain tax matters prior to us filing our tax return for the year, thereby reducing the time it takes to complete the post-filing examination. We are also subject to state and local or foreign income tax examinations by taxing authorities for years back to fiscal 2006.

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We also have on-going audits in various stages of completion in several state and foreign jurisdictions, one or more of which may conclude within the next 12 months. Such settlements could involve some or all of the following: the payment of additional taxes, the adjustment of certain deferred taxes and/or the recognition of unrecognized tax benefits. The resolution of these matters, in combination with the expiration of certain statutes of limitations in various jurisdictions, make it reasonably possible that our unrecognized tax benefits may decrease as a result of either payment or recognition by approximately \$3 to \$7 million in the next twelve months, excluding interest.

The total amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits as of September 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$9.8 million, \$17.8 million and \$24.0 million, which includes \$8.4 million, \$11.5 million and \$8.0 million that, if recognized, would impact the effective tax rate in future periods. The remaining amount relates to items which, if recognized, would not impact our effective tax rate.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Balance at October 1	\$ 17.8	\$ 24.0	\$ 35.5
Increases in tax position of prior years	0.5	0.4	3.9
Decreases in tax position of prior years	(2.7)	(3.0)	(6.8)
Increases in tax positions related to the current year	—	5.1	1.4
Settlements with taxing authorities	(3.8)	(5.2)	(6.0)
Lapse of applicable statute of limitations	(1.9)	(3.5)	(4.0)
Foreign currency adjustments	(0.1)	—	—
Total change	(8.0)	(6.2)	(11.5)
Balance at September 30	\$ 9.8	\$ 17.8	\$ 24.0

We recognize accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. Accrued interest and penalties, which are not presented in the reconciliation table above, were \$0.8 million, \$1.9 million and \$2.1 million at September 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010. Related to interest and penalties, we recognized an income tax benefit (expense) of less than \$0.1 million in 2012, (\$0.1) million in 2011 and \$3.0 million in 2010.

The amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits reflected in our financial statements include amounts related to our former funeral services business for taxing jurisdictions where we filed consolidated tax returns. Pursuant to the Tax Sharing Agreement entered into as part of the spin-off, Hillenbrand, Inc. is responsible for the portion of the unrecognized tax benefits attributable to the funeral services business. During fiscal 2012, we were able to resolve all of the remaining unrecognized tax benefits attributable to Hillenbrand, Inc.

NOTE 10. EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

Basic earnings per share is calculated based upon the weighted average number of outstanding common shares for the period, plus the effect of deferred vested shares. Diluted earnings per share is calculated consistent with the basic earnings per share calculation plus the effect of dilutive unissued common shares related to stock-based employee compensation programs. For all years presented, anti-dilutive stock options were excluded from the calculation of dilutive earnings per share. Excluded shares were 1.4 million, 0.6 million and 3.4 million for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010. Cumulative treasury stock acquired, less cumulative shares reissued, have been excluded in determining the average number of shares outstanding.

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Earnings per share is calculated as follows:

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Net income attributable to common shareholders.....	<u>\$ 120.8</u>	<u>\$ 133.3</u>	<u>\$ 125.3</u>
Average shares outstanding - Basic (thousands).....	62,120	63,164	62,934
Add potential effect of exercise of stock options and other unvested equity awards (thousands).....	241	735	805
Average shares outstanding - Diluted (thousands).....	<u>62,361</u>	<u>63,899</u>	<u>63,739</u>
Net income attributable to common shareholders per common share - Basic	<u>\$ 1.94</u>	<u>\$ 2.11</u>	<u>\$ 1.99</u>
Net income attributable to common shareholders per common share - Diluted	<u>\$ 1.94</u>	<u>\$ 2.09</u>	<u>\$ 1.97</u>

NOTE 11. SEGMENT REPORTING

We disclose segment information that is consistent with the way in which management operates and views the business. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we changed our segment reporting to reflect changes in our organizational structure and management's view of the business. As part of these changes, we combined the North America Acute Care and components of the North America Post-Acute Care segments into a new North America segment. At the same time we created the Surgical and Respiratory Care segment which contains the surgical reporting unit (formerly part of the North America Acute Care segment), the respiratory care reporting unit (formerly part of the North America Post-Acute Care segment) and the recently acquired Aspen Surgical business. There were no changes to the International segment. The prior year segment information included below has been updated to reflect these changes.

Our new operating structure contains the following reporting segments:

- **North America** - sells and rents our patient support and near-patient technologies and services, as well as our health information technology solutions, in the U.S. and Canada.
- **Surgical and Respiratory Care** - sells and rents our surgical and respiratory care products in all settings.
- **International** - sells and rents similar products as our North America segment in regions outside of the U.S. and Canada.

Our performance under the new operating structure continues to be measured on a divisional income basis before impairment on goodwill and other intangibles, litigation and special charges. Divisional income generally represents the division's standard gross profit less its direct operating costs along with an allocation of manufacturing and distribution costs, research and development and corporate functional expenses.

Corporate expenses, while not considered a segment, are presented separately to aid in the reconciliation of segment information to consolidated financial information. These costs include corporate expenses that support the entire organization such as administration, finance, legal and human resources.

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	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Revenues:			
North America	\$ 998.2	\$ 1,057.2	\$ 958.2
Surgical and Respiratory Care	153.2	132.9	123.3
International	482.9	401.6	388.1
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,634.3</u>	<u>\$ 1,591.7</u>	<u>\$ 1,469.6</u>
Divisional income:			
North America	\$ 198.9	\$ 230.6	\$ 185.7
Surgical and Respiratory Care	38.1	40.0	38.1
International	18.6	27.9	29.9
Corporate expenses	(64.2)	(83.0)	(70.0)
Total divisional income	<u>191.4</u>	<u>215.5</u>	<u>183.7</u>
Impairment of goodwill and other intangibles	8.0	—	—
Litigation (credit) charge	(3.6)	47.3	(21.2)
Special charges	18.2	1.4	13.2
Operating profit	<u>168.8</u>	<u>166.8</u>	<u>191.7</u>
Interest expense	(6.5)	(8.5)	(8.7)
Investment income and other, net	1.2	1.4	(0.1)
Income before income taxes	<u>\$ 163.5</u>	<u>\$ 159.7</u>	<u>\$ 182.9</u>

Geographic Information

Geographic data for net revenues and long-lived assets (which consist mainly of property and equipment leased to others) were as follows:

	Years Ended September 30		
	2012	2011	2010
Net revenues to unaffiliated customers: (a)			
United States	\$ 1,077.8	\$ 1,105.0	\$ 1,027.1
Foreign	556.5	486.7	442.5
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,634.3</u>	<u>\$ 1,591.7</u>	<u>\$ 1,469.6</u>
Long-lived assets: (b)			
United States	\$ 172.5	\$ 180.2	\$ 200.3
Foreign	77.6	42.6	43.4
Total long-lived assets	<u>\$ 250.1</u>	<u>\$ 222.8</u>	<u>\$ 243.7</u>

(a) Net revenues are attributed to geographic areas based on the location of the customer.

(b) Includes property and equipment leased to others.

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NOTE 12. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

The following table presents selected consolidated financial data by quarter for each of the last two fiscal years.

2012 Quarter Ended

	<u>December 31, 2011</u>	<u>March 31, 2012</u>	<u>June 30, 2012</u>	<u>September 30, 2012</u>
Net revenues	\$ 381.1	\$ 415.1	\$ 406.5	\$ 431.6
Gross profit	\$ 185.1	\$ 195.8	\$ 172.7	\$ 201.1
Net income attributable to common shareholders.....	\$ 32.9	\$ 25.3	\$ 23.4	\$ 39.2
Basic net income attributable to common shareholders per common share	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.63
Diluted net income attributable to common shareholders per common share	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.63

2011 Quarter Ended

	<u>December 31, 2010</u>	<u>March 31, 2011</u>	<u>June 30, 2011</u>	<u>September 30, 2011</u>
Net revenues	\$ 374.2	\$ 402.1	\$ 384.8	\$ 430.6
Gross profit	\$ 184.5	\$ 198.6	\$ 187.6	\$ 210.6
Net income attributable to common shareholders.....	\$ 35.2	\$ 33.1	\$ 1.5	\$ 63.5
Basic net income attributable to common shareholders per common share	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.01
Diluted net income attributable to common shareholders per common share	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.01

NOTE 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Lease Commitments

Rental expense for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$20.7 million, \$20.0 million and \$19.5 million. The table below indicates the minimum annual rental commitments (excluding renewable periods) aggregating \$59.8 million, for manufacturing facilities, warehouse distribution centers, service centers and sales offices, under non-cancelable operating leases.

	<u>Amount</u>
2013	\$ 19.7
2014	\$ 13.2
2015	\$ 10.0
2016	\$ 7.1
2017	\$ 5.3
2018 and beyond.....	\$ 4.5

We have a long-term agreement with IBM to manage our global information structure environment that expires in September 2014, however, as of September 30, 2012 we notified IBM that we would be terminating our long-term agreement in fiscal 2013. We have estimated the termination fee to be \$0.6 million and accrued the fee as of September 30, 2012.

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Self Insurance

We are involved in possible claims and are generally self-insured up to certain limits for product/general liability, workers' compensation, auto liability and professional liability insurance programs. These policies have deductibles and self-insured retentions ranging from \$150 thousand to \$1.5 million per occurrence, depending upon the type of coverage and policy period. We are also generally self-insured up to certain stop-loss limits for certain employee health benefits, including medical, drug and dental. Our policy is to estimate reserves based upon a number of factors including known claims, estimated incurred but not reported claims and outside actuarial analysis, which are based on historical information along with certain assumptions about future events.

Legal Proceedings

Batesville Casket Antitrust Litigation

In 2005 the Funeral Consumers Alliance, Inc. and a number of individual consumer casket purchasers filed a purported class action antitrust lawsuit on behalf of certain consumer purchasers of Batesville® caskets against us and our former Batesville Casket Company, Inc. subsidiary (now wholly-owned by Hillenbrand, Inc.), and three national funeral home businesses.

The district court dismissed the claims and denied class certification, but in October 2010, the plaintiffs appealed these decisions to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. In September 2012, the Fifth Circuit affirmed the denial of class certification and remanded back to the District Court the plaintiffs' claim for attorney fees. On October 1, 2012, Batesville Casket Company, Inc. entered into a confidential settlement agreement fully resolving the lawsuit.

The settlement of the lawsuit results in the termination of the Judgment Sharing Agreement between us and Hillenbrand, Inc. as well as certain restrictive covenants imposed on us pursuant to the Distribution Agreement with Hillenbrand, Inc. dated March 14, 2008. The restrictive covenants had limited our ability to, among other things, increase our dividend, incur indebtedness, make share repurchases and complete acquisitions.

Stryker Litigation

On April 4, 2011, we filed two separate actions against Stryker Corporation alleging infringement of certain Hill-Rom patents covering proprietary communications networks, status information systems and powered wheels used in our beds or stretchers. Both suits seek monetary damages and injunctions against Stryker for selling or distributing any beds, stretchers or ancillary products that infringe Hill-Rom's patents. Stryker responded with counterclaims seeking declaratory judgment for noninfringement and invalidity for several of the patents at issue, and has filed counterclaims alleging infringement of three of their patents. On August 14, 2012, we entered into a confidential favorable settlement agreement with Stryker Corporation fully resolving all of their counterclaims and our lawsuit regarding claims about our powered wheel patents. No trial date for the remaining lawsuit has been set. Because the litigation is in a preliminary stage, we cannot assess the likelihood of a positive or negative outcome or determine an estimate, or a range of estimates, of potential damages, nor can we give any assurances that this matter will not have a material adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Office of Inspector General Investigation

In February 2008, we were served with an Administrative Investigative Demand subpoena by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee pursuant to a Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General investigation. In September 2008, we were informed that the investigation was precipitated by the 2005 filing of a *qui tam* complaint under the False Claims Act in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. In June 2011, we reached agreement with respect to a tentative financial settlement and recognized a charge in the third quarter of \$42.3 million. This settlement was finalized and paid in September 2011. Concurrently with this settlement, we entered into a five year Corporate Integrity Agreement, which provides for certain other compliance-related activities during the five year term of the agreement, including specific written standards, monitoring, training, education, independent review, disclosure and reporting requirements. We did not admit any wrongdoing as part of the settlement.

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
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(Dollars in millions except per share data)

Freedom Medical Antitrust Litigation

On October 19, 2009, Freedom Medical, Inc. filed a complaint against us, another manufacturer and two group purchasing organizations in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. The plaintiff alleged, among other things, that we and the other defendants conspired to exclude it from the biomedical equipment rental market and to maintain our market share by engaging in a variety of conduct in violation of state and federal antitrust laws. In September 2011, we settled this matter in exchange for a payment of \$5.0 million. We did not admit any wrongdoing as part of the settlement.

Antitrust Settlement

In fiscal 2005, we entered into a definitive, court approved agreement with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare Systems and its attorneys to settle a purported antitrust class action lawsuit. A number of potential plaintiffs, including the United States government, opted out of the settlement, and we retained a reserve of \$21.2 million against these potential claims. However, no individual claims were filed prior to the August 2010 statute of limitations deadline, and we therefore reversed this reserve into income as of September 30, 2010.

General

We are subject to various other claims and contingencies arising out of the normal course of business, including those relating to governmental investigations and proceedings, commercial transactions, product liability, employee related matters, antitrust, safety, health, taxes, environmental and other matters. Litigation is subject to many uncertainties and the outcome of individual litigated matters is not predictable with assurance. It is possible that some litigation matters for which reserves have not been established could be decided unfavorably to us, and that any such unfavorable decisions could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

NOTE 14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In October 2012, the Board approved an expansion of its previously announced share repurchase authorization by 3.5 million shares, bringing the total number of shares available for repurchase to 32.2 million shares of which 28.2 million shares have been repurchased.

Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the supervision and participation of our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (the “Certifying Officers”), has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2012. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms and such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Certifying Officers and our Board of Directors, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Based upon that evaluation, the Certifying Officers concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2012.

Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The report of management’s assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2012 and the related report of our independent registered public accounting firm, are included under Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As described in the following paragraph, there were changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2012 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

We have excluded Völker and Aspen Surgical from our assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2012, because they were acquired by us in separate purchase business combinations during 2012. Völker is a wholly-owned subsidiary whose total assets and total revenues represent 5 percent and 4 percent, respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012. Aspen Surgical is a wholly-owned subsidiary whose total assets and total revenues represent 15 percent and 1 percent, respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012. We are currently in the process of evaluating and integrating Völker and Aspen Surgical historical internal control over financial reporting with ours. We expect to complete this integration in fiscal 2013.

Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

On November 12, 2012, one of our directors, Katherine Napier, informed us that due to competing commitments, she would not stand for re-election at our next annual stockholders meeting in March 2013.

PART III

Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to our Proxy Statement to be filed with the SEC in January 2013 relating to our 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “2013 Proxy Statement”), under the headings “Election of Directors”, “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance”, and “Corporate Governance.” Information relating to our executive officers is included in this report in Part I, Item 1 under the caption “Executive Officers of the Registrant.”

Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the 2013 Proxy Statement, under the heading “Executive Compensation.”

Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the 2013 Proxy Statement, under the headings “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” and “Equity Compensation Plan Information.”

Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the 2013 Proxy Statement, where such information is included under the heading “Corporate Governance.”

Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the 2013 Proxy Statement, where such information is included under the heading “Proposals Requiring Your Vote - Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.”

PART IV

Item 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) The following documents have been filed as a part of this Form 10-K or, where noted, incorporated by reference:

(1) Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries are listed under Part II, Item 8 on the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 37.

(2) Financial Statement Schedules

The financial statement schedule filed in response to Part II, Item 8 and Part IV, Item 15(c) of Form 10-K is listed under Part II, Item 8 on the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 37.

(3) Exhibits (See changes to Exhibit Index below):

“The Exhibit Index, which follows the signature page to this Form 10-K and is hereby incorporated herein by reference, sets forth a list of those exhibits filed herewith, and includes and identifies management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements required to be filed as exhibits to this Form 10-K by Item 601 (b)(10)(iii) of Regulation S-K.”

The agreements included as exhibits to this Form 10-K are intended to provide information regarding their terms and not to provide any other factual or disclosure information about us or the other parties to the agreements. The agreements may contain representations and warranties by the parties to the agreements, including us, solely for the benefit of the other parties to the applicable agreement. Such representation and warranties:

- should not in all instances be treated as categorical statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk to one of the parties if those statements prove to be inaccurate;
- may have been qualified by disclosures that were made to the other party in connection with the negotiation of the applicable agreement, which disclosures are not necessarily reflected in the agreement;
- may apply standards of materiality in a way that is different from what may be viewed as material to certain investors; and
- were made only as of the date of the applicable agreement or such other date or dates as may be specified in the agreement and are subject to more recent developments.

Accordingly, these representations and warranties may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time.

HILL-ROM HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

For The Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010

(Dollars in millions)

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	ADDITIONS		DEDUCTIONS NET OF RECOVERIES	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD
		CHARGED TO COSTS AND EXPENSES	CHARGED TO OTHER ACCOUNTS		
Reserves deducted from assets to which they apply:					
Allowance for possible losses and sales returns -accounts receivable:					
Period Ended:					
September 30, 2012	\$ 26.7	\$ 1.6	\$ 18.5 (a)	\$ (8.3)(b)	\$ 38.5
September 30, 2011	\$ 29.0	\$ 1.5	\$ 3.1 (a)	\$ (6.9)(b)	\$ 26.7
September 30, 2010.....	\$ 27.5	\$ 0.8	\$ 7.2 (a)	\$ (6.5)(b)	\$ 29.0
Allowance for inventory valuation:					
Period Ended:					
September 30, 2012	\$ 22.9	\$ 2.2	\$ 1.6 (c)	\$ (4.7)(d)	\$ 22.0
September 30, 2011.....	\$ 24.7	\$ 3.7	\$ — (c)	\$ (5.5)(d)	\$ 22.9
September 30, 2010.....	\$ 28.3	\$ 0.2	\$ — (c)	\$ (3.8)(d)	\$ 24.7
Valuation allowance against deferred tax assets:					
Period Ended:					
September 30, 2012	\$ 8.1	\$ 0.4	\$ —	\$ 0.1 (e)	\$ 8.6
September 30, 2011.....	\$ 28.5	\$ (19.5)	\$ —	\$ (0.9)(e)	\$ 8.1
September 30, 2010.....	\$ 37.5	\$ (0.8)	\$ —	\$ (8.2)(e)	\$ 28.5

- (a) Reduction of gross revenues for uncollectible health care rental reimbursements, cash discounts and other adjustments in determining net revenue. Also includes the effect of acquired businesses, if any.
- (b) Generally reflects the write-off of specific receivables against recorded reserves.
- (c) Generally reflects the effect of acquired businesses, if any.
- (d) Generally reflects the write-off of specific inventory against recorded reserves.
- (e) Primarily reflects write-offs of deferred tax assets against the valuation allowance and other movement of the valuation allowance offset by an opposing change in deferred tax assets.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HILL-ROM HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ John J. Greisch
John J. Greisch
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 15, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

/s/ Rolf A. Classon
Rolf A. Classon
Chairman of the Board

/s/ James R. Giertz
James R. Giertz
Director

/s/ John J. Greisch
John J. Greisch
President and Chief Executive Officer and Director
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Charles E. Golden
Charles E. Golden
Director

/s/ Mark J. Guinan
Mark J. Guinan
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ W August Hillenbrand
W August Hillenbrand
Director

/s/ Richard G. Keller
Richard G. Keller
Vice President — Controller and
Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)

/s/ Ronald A. Malone
Ronald A. Malone
Director

/s/ Joanne C. Smith, M.D.
Joanne C. Smith, M.D.
Director

/s/ Eduardo R. Menascé
Eduardo R. Menascé
Director

Katherine S. Napier
Director

Date: November 15, 2012

HILL-ROM HOLDINGS, INC.

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Management contracts and compensatory plans or arrangements are designated with “*”.

- 2.1 Distribution Agreement dated as of March 14, 2008 by and between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. (formerly Hillenbrand Industries, Inc.) and Hillenbrand, Inc. (formerly Batesville Holdings, Inc.) (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 filed with Form 8-K dated April 1, 2008)
- 2.2 Letter Agreement dated as of March 31, 2008 between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Hillenbrand, Inc. regarding interpretation of Distribution Agreement (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.2 filed with Form 10-Q dated May 14, 2008.)
- 2.3 Share Sale and Purchase Agreement dated as of December 15, 2011 between Völker GmbH and Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 filed with Form 8-K dated February 14, 2012)
- 2.4 Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of July 23, 2012 between Roundtable Healthcare Partners II, L.P. and Hill-Rom Inc. regarding the purchase of Aspen Surgical Products Holding, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 filed with Form 8-K dated July 26, 2012)
- 3.1 Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc., as currently in effect (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 filed with Form 8-K dated March 10, 2010)
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Code of By-Laws of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc., as currently in effect (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 filed with Form 8-K dated March 10, 2010)
- 4.1 Indenture dated as of December 1, 1991, between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Union Bank, N.A. (as successor to LaSalle Bank National Association and Harris Trust and Savings Bank) as Trustee (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit (4) (a) to Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 33-44086)
- *10.1 Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated Short Term Incentive Compensation Program (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with Form 10-K dated November 24, 2009)
- *10.2 Form of Director Indemnity Agreement (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 filed with Form 10-K dated December 23, 2003)
- *10.3 Form of Indemnity Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and certain executive officers (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 filed with Form 10-K dated November 16, 2011)
- *10.4 Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Board of Directors’ Deferred Compensation Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 filed with Form 10-Q dated July 13, 2001)
- *10.5 Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Director Phantom Stock Plan and form of award (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.11 filed with Form 10-Q dated July 13, 2001)
- *10.6 Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.14 filed with Form 10-K dated December 23, 2003)
- *10.7 Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement under Amended and Restated Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.11 filed with Form 10-K dated November 16, 2011)
- *10.8 Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement (CEO version) under Amended and Restated Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.12 filed with Form 10-K dated November 16, 2011)

- *10.9 Form of Performance Based Stock Award granted December 3, 2009 to certain executive officers, including the named executive officers, under the Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.18 filed with Form 10-K dated November 17, 2010)
- 10.10 Credit Agreement dated as of March 28, 2008 among Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc., the lenders named therein, and Citibank, N.A. as agent for the lenders (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K dated April 1, 2008)
- *10.11 Employment Agreement dated as of March 31, 2008 between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Peter H. Soderberg (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 filed with Form 8-K dated April 1, 2008)
- *10.12 Employment Agreement dated as of March 31, 2008 between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and John H. Dickey (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 filed with Form 8-K dated April 1, 2008)
- *10.13 Form of Change in Control Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Peter H. Soderberg (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 filed with Form 8-K dated April 1, 2008)
- 10.14 Judgment Sharing Agreement dated as of March 14, 2008 among Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc., Hillenbrand, Inc. and Batesville Casket Company, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8 filed with Form 8-K dated April 1, 2008)
- 10.15 Tax Sharing Agreement dated as of March 31, 2008 between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Hillenbrand, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 filed with Form 8-K dated April 1, 2008)
- *10.16 Amended and Restated Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan, as currently in effect (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.30 filed with Form 10-K dated November 24, 2009)
- *10.17 Employment Agreement dated as of March 31, 2008 between Hill-Rom Company, Inc. and Richard G. Keller (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.12 filed with Form 10-Q dated May 14, 2008)
- *10.18 Letter Agreement dated September 27, 2009 between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Peter H. Soderberg (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with Form 8-K dated September 27, 2009)
- *10.19 Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Incorporated by reference to Appendix I to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A dated January 7, 2009)
- *10.20 Employment Agreement dated January 6, 2010 between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and John J. Greisch (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with Form 8-K dated January 7, 2010)
- *10.21 Change in Control Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and John J. Greisch dated January 6, 2010 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 filed with Form 8-K dated January 7, 2010)
- *10.22 Limited Recapture Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and John J. Greisch dated January 6, 2010 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 filed with Form 8-K dated January 7, 2010)
- *10.23 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Alejandro Infante-Saracho dated May 6, 2010 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 filed with Form 10-Q dated May 6, 2010)
- *10.24 Limited Recapture Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Alejandro Infante-Saracho dated May 6, 2010 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 filed with Form 10-Q dated May 6, 2010)
- *10.25 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Susan R. Lichtenstein dated May 10, 2010 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 filed with Form 10-Q dated May 6, 2010)
- *10.26 Limited Recapture Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Susan R. Lichtenstein dated May 10, 2010 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8 filed with Form 10-Q dated May 6, 2010)

- *10.27 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Philip D. Settimi dated May 6, 2010 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 filed with Form 10-Q dated May 6, 2010)
- *10.28 Limited Recapture Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Philip D. Settimi dated May 6, 2010 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 filed with Form 10-Q dated May 6, 2010)
- *10.29 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Martha G. Aronson dated August 1, 2010 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.50 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 17, 2010)
- *10.30 Limited Recapture Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Martha G. Aronson dated August 1, 2010 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.51 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 17, 2010)
- *10.31 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Scott R. Jeffers dated September 13, 2010 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.54 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 17, 2010)
- *10.32 Limited Recapture Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Scott R. Jeffers dated September 13, 2010 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.55 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 17, 2010)
- *10.33 Form of Change in Control Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and certain of its officers, including Named Executive Officers (other than the CEO) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.58 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 17, 2010)
- *10.34 Amended Change in Control Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and John J. Greisch dated September 30, 2010 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.59 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 17, 2010)
- *10.35 2011 Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.61 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 17, 2010)
- *10.36 2013 Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy
- *10.37 Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement under Amended and Restated Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.63 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 17, 2010)
- *10.38 Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (CEO version) under Amended and Restated Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.65 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 17, 2010)
- *10.39 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Mark Guinan, dated November 1, 2010 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with the Company's Form 8-K dated November 1, 2010)
- *10.40 Limited Recapture Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Mark Guinan, dated November 1, 2010 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 filed with the Company's Form 8-K dated November 1, 2010)
- *10.41 FY 2011 Form of Performance Based Stock Award under the Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.61 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 16, 2011)
- *10.42 FY 2011 Form of Performance Based Stock Award under the Stock Incentive Plan (CEO version) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.62 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 16, 2011)
- *10.43 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Brian Lawrence, dated December 6, 2010 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 filed with the Company's Form 10-Q dated January 27, 2011)
- *10.44 Limited Recapture Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Brian Lawrence, dated December 6, 2010 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 filed with the Company's Form 10-Q dated January 27, 2011)

- *10.45 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Michael O. Oliver, dated March 14, 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with the Company's Form 10-Q dated April 28, 2011)
- *10.46 Limited Recapture Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Michael O. Oliver, dated March 14, 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 filed with the Company's Form 10-Q dated April 28, 2011)
- *10.47 Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Short-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Appendix 1 to the Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A dated January 18, 2011)
- *10.48 Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.69 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 16, 2011)
- *10.49 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Michael Murphy, dated July 14, 2012
- *10.50 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Alton Shader, dated July 11, 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 filed with the Company's Form 10-Q dated July 28, 2011)
- *10.51 Limited Recapture Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Alton Shader, dated July 11, 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 filed with the Company's Form 10-Q dated July 28, 2011)
- *10.52 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Andreas Frank, dated October 3, 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.72 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 16, 2011)
- *10.53 Limited Recapture Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Andreas Frank, dated October 3, 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.73 filed with the Company's Form 10-K dated November 16, 2011)
- *10.54 Employment Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Edward Gregory Pritchard, dated July 23, 2012
- *10.55 Officer Indemnity Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Edward Gregory Pritchard, dated July 23, 2012
- *10.56 Change in Control Agreement between Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and Edward Gregory Pritchard, dated July 23, 2012
- *10.57 Credit Agreement dated as of August 24, 2012 among Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc., the lenders named therein, and JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. as agent for the lenders (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K dated August 24, 2012)
- 99.1 Schedules showing the effect of changes in reportable segments for quarterly periods in fiscal year 2009 and 2010 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 filed with the Company's Form 10-Q on April 28, 2011)
- 21 Subsidiaries of the Registrant
- 23 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Extension Labels Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

**HILL-ROM HOLDINGS, INC.
SUBSIDIARIES OF THE REGISTRANT**

All subsidiaries of the Company as of November 6, 2012 are wholly-owned Indiana corporations, unless otherwise noted.

Hill-Rom, Inc.

Eagle Acquisition Sub B.V, a Netherlands corporation

Subsidiaries of Hill-Rom, Inc.

Advanced Respiratory, Inc., a Minnesota corporation

Allen Medical Systems, Inc.

Hill-Rom Services, Inc.

Aspen Surgical Products Holding, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Subsidiary of Aspen Surgical Products Holding, Inc.

Aspen Surgical Products, Inc., a Michigan corporation

Subsidiaries of Aspen Surgical Products, Inc.

Aspen Surgical Puerto Rico Corp., a Puerto Rico corporation

Aspen Medical Europe Limited (UK), a United Kingdom corporation

Colby Manufacturing Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation

Medical One, Inc., a Connecticut corporation

Jointly owned subsidiaries of Hill-Rom, Inc. and Advanced Respiratory, Inc.

Hill-Rom Company, Inc.

Subsidiaries of Hill-Rom Company, Inc.

Hill-Rom International, Inc.

MEDIQ/PRN Life Support Services, LLC

Hill-Rom Logistics, LLC

Hill-Rom Company (Saudi Arabia) Technical Scientific Office, a Saudi Arabian entity

Subsidiaries of Hill-Rom Services, Inc.

Hill-Rom Manufacturing, Inc.

Subsidiary of Hill-Rom Manufacturing, Inc.

Hill-Rom Finance Limited Partner, Inc.

Subsidiaries of Hill-Rom International, Inc.

Hill-Rom Pty, Ltd, an Australian corporation

Hill-Rom Asia Limited, a Hong-Kong corporation

Hill-Rom Japan KK, a Japanese corporation

Subsidiary of Hill-Rom Asia Limited

Hill-Rom Business Services Co., LTD, a Suzhou, China corporation

Subsidiary of Allen Medical Systems, Inc.

AMATECH Corporation

Jointly owned subsidiaries of Hill-Rom Finance Limited Partner, Inc. and Hill-Rom, Inc.

Hill-Rom EU C.V., a Netherlands partnership

Subsidiary of Hill-Rom EU C.V

Hill-Rom (Gibraltar) General Partner Limited, a Gibraltar limited partnership

Subsidiary of Hill-Rom (Gibraltar) General Partner Limited
Hill-Rom Holding (Gibraltar) Limited, a Gibraltar limited partnership

Jointly owned by Hill-Rom Holding (Gibraltar) Limited and Hill-Rom (Gibraltar) General Partner Limited
HR Finance C.V., a Netherlands partnership

Subsidiary of Hill-Rom Holding (Gibraltar) Limited
Hill-Rom International S.á r.l./B.V., a Luxembourg corporation
Hill-Rom Ltd., a United Kingdom corporation

Subsidiaries of HR Finance C.V.
HR Europe B.V. a Netherlands corporation
Hill-Rom Global Holdings, B.V., a Netherlands corporation

Subsidiaries of Hill-Rom Ltd.
Hill-Rom (UK), Ltd., a United Kingdom corporation
Liko UK Ltd., a United Kingdom corporation
Hill-Rom Ltd. (Ireland)

Subsidiaries of Liko UK Ltd.
APLS Ltd., a United Kingdom corporation
Nordic Rehab Ltd., a United Kingdom corporation

Subsidiaries of Hill-Rom Global Holdings, B.V.
Hill-Rom HB, a Swedish partnership
Hill-Rom SPRL, a Belgium corporation
Hill-Rom Holdings Netherlands, B.V., a Netherlands corporation
Hill-Rom Singapore Holdings S.á r.l.

Subsidiary of Hill-Rom Singapore Holdings S.á r.l.
Hill-Rom Services Pte, Ltd., a Singapore corporation

Subsidiaries of Hill-Rom International S.á r.l./B.V.
Hill-Rom B.V., a Netherlands corporation
Hill-Rom S.A., a Switzerland corporation
Hill-Rom Austria GmbH, an Austrian corporation
Hill-Rom Sociedade Unipessoal, LDA (Portugal)
Hill-Rom Poland sp. z o.o., Poland corporation
Hill-Rom Canada, Ltd., an (Ontario) Canadian Corporation
Hill-Rom SARL, a French corporation

Jointly owned subsidiaries of Hill-Rom International S.á r.l./B.V. and Hill-Rom Services, Inc.
Hill-Rom de Mexico S de RL de CV, a Mexican corporation
Hill-Rom Servicios S de RL de CV, a Mexican corporation
Hill-Rom Comercializador a de Mexico S de RL de CV, a Mexican corporation
Hill-Rom Importacao e Comercio de Equipamentos Medicos Ltda, a Brazil corporation
Hill-Rom Turkey Medikal Urunler Dagitim ve Ticaret Limited Sirketi, a Turkey corporation

Subsidiary of Hill-Rom B.V.
Hill-Rom Finland, a Finland corporation
Hill-Rom Norway, a Norway entity

Subsidiaries of Hill-Rom SARL

Hill-Rom Industries SA, a French corporation
Hill-Rom, S.p.A, an Italian corporation
Hill-Rom SAS, a French corporation
SCI Le Couviour Immobilier, a French corporation
Hill-Rom Iberia S.L., a Spanish corporation
Hill-Rom AB, a Swedish corporation

Jointly owned subsidiary of Hill-Rom SARL and Hill-Rom SAS
Hill-Rom sro, a Czech Republic corporation

Subsidiary of Hill-Rom AB

Liko R&D AB
Liko AB
Liko Norge AB

Jointly owned subsidiary of Liko AB and Eagle Acquisition Sub B.V.
Völker Holding GmbH & Co KG
Völker Verwaltung GmbH

Subsidiaries of Völker Holding GmbH & Co KG

Völker GmbH
Hill-Rom GmbH

Subsidiaries of Völker GmbH

Völker UK Ltd., a United Kingdom corporation
Völker BVBA, a Belgium corporation
Völker Austria GmbH, an Austrian corporation
Völker Asia Pacific Ltd., a Hong Kong corporation

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Nos. 333-157341, 333-157338, 333-88354, 333-49669, and 333-88328) of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. of our report dated November 15, 2012, relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedule and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in this Form 10-K.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana

November 15, 2012

CERTIFICATIONS

Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, John J. Greisch, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the periods covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 15, 2012

/s/ John J. Greisch

John J. Greisch

President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Mark J. Guinan, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the periods covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 15, 2012

/s/ Mark J. Guinan

Mark J. Guinan

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted
Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") for the year ended September 30, 2012, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, John J. Greisch, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ John J. Greisch

John J. Greisch
President and Chief Executive Officer
November 15, 2012

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and will be retained by Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted
Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") for the year ended September 30, 2012, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Mark J. Guinan, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Mark J. Guinan

Mark J. Guinan
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
November 15, 2012

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and will be retained by Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.



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