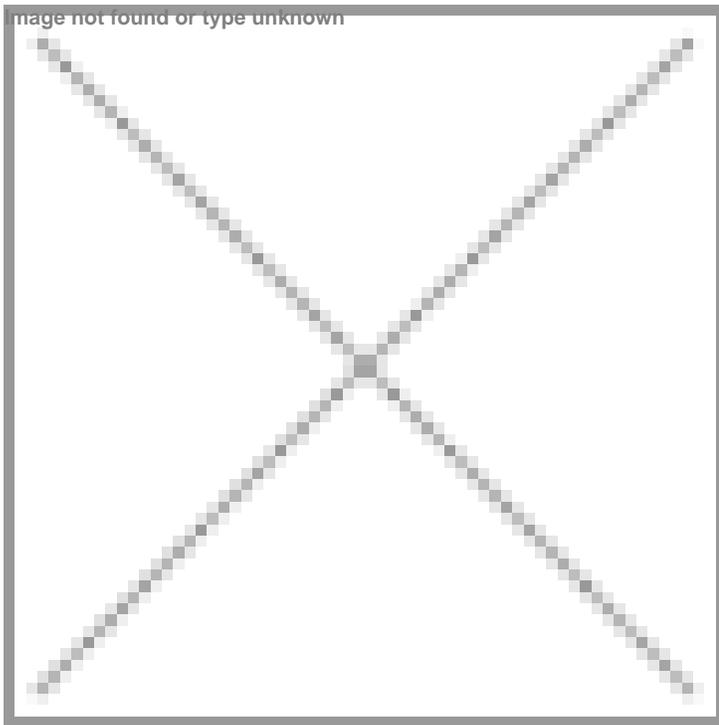




Halyard Health changes name to Avanos Medical

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Singapore- Halyard Health, a market-leading medical devices company, announced the business rebrand to Avanos Medical. Avanos' vision is to be the best at getting patients back to the things that matter. Derived from the words "advanced" and "innovation," the new name and brand emphasize the company's focus on innovating with speed to deliver better, more sustainable patient outcomes.

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"Having completed the divestiture of S&IP, Avanos is now a pure-play medical devices company," said Joe Woody, Avanos chief executive officer. "Today, Avanos is positioned with a forward-thinking mind-set and the firepower to make strategic investments in breakthrough innovation and acquisitions in attractive markets."

The change in name from Halyard to Avanos will be effective June 30, 2018. In connection with this rebrand, the company's stock ticker symbol will change from "HYH" to "AVNS" on the New York Stock Exchange.