

New & Noteworthy

Transition to a Bar Code System

Health Care Logistics' bar coding inventory makes the transition to a bar code system simple and smooth.

WASP bar code software includes pre-defined templates for HCL's line of unit dose labels, and the ability to create custom layouts for virtually any type or size label. This program also permits any color print, which can assist in distinguishing between look alike and sound alike drug names.

Choose Zebra thermal bar code printers and HCL's complete line of thermal labels to create

medication, chart, wristband, unit dose and order form labels.

Unit dose labels are available in multiple sizes, including the new flag format. Flag labels, available in four sizes, expand the print area allowing room for patient information, room number, doctor, bar codes, instructions, etc.



Health Care Logistics, Inc.

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The Next Generation IntelliCOUNT Universal Feeder

RoboDesign

International, Inc. announces that it has entered into an agreement with Pearson

Medical Technologies to design, develop, and manufacture the next generation of Pearson's IntelliCOUNT Universal Feeder for Pearson's line of bar coded unit dose and multi-dose pharmacy packaging solutions.

The IntelliCOUNT Universal Feeder is specifically designed for automated counting and packaging of unit dose medications in hospital and long-term care pharmacies. The IntelliCOUNT Universal Feeder is a component of Pearson's IntelliPACK Automated Pharmacy Packaging System or may be independently installed on most manual tabletop unit dose pharmacy packagers.



Pearson Medical Technologies

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National Pharmacy Staffing Service

AmerisourceBergen has expanded its AdvocateRx Solutions Pharmacy Staffing Service to provide a full range of staffing solutions that are national in scope.

AdvocateRx provides qualified pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to cover virtually any staffing situation, such as vacations, illnesses, staff shortages, special projects and other employment needs. This national, flexible staffing solution provides a full range of



pharmacy staffing options including short-term or long-term temporary, temp-to-hire, and permanent placement on a full- or part-time basis.



AdvocateRx Solutions

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Backup Pharmacy Data Collection System

When the system that supports the pharmacy goes down, either by schedule or surprise, you need a backup to take up the work load, keep up with current patients and orders, and accept new changes, new orders, and new patients. This is where Rx²—the Pharmacy Backup Data Collection System by Superior Consultant Company—comes into play.

Rx² is a set of automated solutions based on Microsoft technologies, featuring customized toolkits, templates and training provided by expe-

rienced healthcare consultants. Stable, secure, and tailored to work with your hospital system, Rx² is a stand-alone answer to inevitable system downtime.



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New Multi-Function RFID and Bar Code Reader

Precision Dynamics Corporation (PDC), in conjunction with SkyeTek, has created a new multi-function RFID/bar code reader.

The new device combines an RFID reader/writer and a 2-D imaging bar code scanner into a tethered reader. It will capture information from either an RFID chip or a 1-D or 2-D bar code. For instance, if a patient and caregiver are equipped with RFID technology

and the medication being administered is marked with a bar code — the dual reader will capture information from both.

PDC's multi-function reader will also parse the data and automatically fill in appropriate fields on a form. Furthermore, it will eliminate repetitive data entry into devices such as EKG machines and decrease common manual data-entry errors.



Precision Dynamics Corporation

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New Service Helps Hospitals Raise Bar on Safety

B. Braun Medical Inc. announces a new consulting service, Solutions in Safety, to guide healthcare organizations through the Healthcare Failure Mode and Effect Analysis (HFMEA) process to ensure compliance and improve safety. HFMEA is a method for evaluating all possible risk inherent in a medical procedure, product, or system in order to reduce errors.

B. Braun technicians have been trained in HFMEA by JCAHO to make a seamless transition from guidelines to implementation. B. Braun offers continuing education for healthcare administrators and clinicians.

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Remote Monitoring Software for Automated Hospital Drug and Supply Dispensing Cabinets

Omnicell, Inc. has selected Qestra to supply software that will allow Omnicell to monitor and support its automated medication and supply dispensing systems via high-speed Web access.

Qestra intelligent device management software supports monitoring, diagnostics, alarms/alerts, remote desktop control, and software configuration management and analytics. It will notify service technicians automatically when a device needs attention. Omnicell will integrate Qestra software into a broad range of proactive service products, including the MedGuard suite of end-to-end solutions for the medication-use process. Qestra's new service support software will help Omnicell maintain its equipment at peak performance and increase equipment uptime for Omnicell customers.

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McKesson Acquires M.E.D.S. Inc.

McKesson Corporation has acquired the assets of M.E.D.S. Inc., a Montreal-based provider of automated medication packaging devices and related services. This acquisition expands McKesson's suite of bar coded medication solutions to include the PACMED line of high-speed unit dose packagers.

PACMED is an automated, high-speed device for bar coding, packaging, and dispensing oral solids. The packaging technology is scalable to the needs of any pharmacy, with available models capable of housing from 80 to 500 unique medications. PACMED, which produces bar coded, unit dose strip packages with minimal operator intervention, can be interfaced to pharmacy information systems to package for unit-based cabinets or central pharmacy inventory, to package in patient-specific mode, or to package multi-dose, patient-compliant packages for long-term care providers.



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Patient Advisory Leaflets Added to PDA Software Package

Lexi-Comp Inc. has added Lexi-PALS and Pedi-PALS patient advisory leaflets to its PDA software offering.



Lexi-PALS (for adult patients) and Pedi-PALS (for pediatric patients) offer precautionary

information and address several common patient questions. Lexi-PALS includes access to over 100 advisory leaflets for natural products. In addition, Pedi-PALS provides caregivers with instructions for administering and monitoring medications. Users can print these instructions for their patients in 18 different languages by subscribing to Lexi-Comp Online.

Lexi-PALS and Pedi-PALS are available as a free addition to Lexi-Comp's Lexi-Complete PDA package or as an individual subscription.

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