

Special ACP&P Buyer's Guide: Medication Carts

There are a variety of medication carts available to providers of long-term care today. In purchasing carts for your operation, it is important to keep the following selection criteria in mind:

Cost: Is the price of the cart appropriate for your budget?

Capacity: Does the cart hold enough pill cards or boxes to accommodate your facilities' needs?

Ergonomics: Does the cart ensure user comfort?

Stability and durability: Does the cart have a sturdy frame and base? Is the cart constructed from long-lasting, damage-resistant materials?

Security: Is the cart equipped with the security features (key locks, key pads, proximity/magnetic stripe card readers) your facilities require?

Flexibility: Can the cart's drawers be easily configured to meet the needs of a variety of medication distribution models?

On the pages that follow, ACP&P highlights a selection of the medication carts available in the market today. To request more information about any of these products, simply circle its corresponding number on the reader service card bound in this issue, and mail or fax the card to ACP&P.

• **Artromick International, Inc.**

Designed specifically for long-term care and assisted living facilities, Artromick's medication carts can improve workflow, enhance clinical quality assurance, and streamline the medication-use process from end to end. Artromick's **Avalo** medication carts offer standard configurations to accommodate traditional punch cards or 30-day unit dose boxes. With a stable cabinet frame, the Avalo cart also offers high-density end panels and hard-surface tops to ensure durability. A large bottom drawer is divided to provide organized storage for liquids and bulk items. The cart comes standard with a keyless lock system and is available in seven accent colors.

Artromick also offers a variety of other medication cart product lines for long-term care providers, including the **ConceptOne** and **MD Series**.

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• **Manrex Limited**

Manrex Limited Medication Delivery Carts feature:

- scratch-resistant plastic tops and sides
- durable metal frames and drawers, finished with a powder-coated, chip- and scratch-resistant paint
- high-quality casters and sliders
- rubber bumpers on each of the carts' four corners
- 10-inch deep, white metal drawers with easy-to-clean plastic liners

The Manrex **Adjustright** height-adjustable medication delivery cart features a removable handle to raise and lower the cart body. Available in two models — the Adjustright and the Adjustright Plus — the cart is customizable with 5- and 10- inch drawer configurations and a range of color options.



The Manrex **Pharmacart** features an ergonomically designed push handle and a slide-out extension for extra working space. Accessories include an extension bin for carrying additional supplies, a wastebasket and holder, and a PRN bin. The **Pharmacart Plus** provides 34% more working space, three extra utility drawers for supplies, a built-in garbage receptacle, and an interchangeable core push-button lock, allowing nurses to visually confirm that the cart is locked. The standard drawer configuration is three 10-inch-deep main drawers and three 10-inch-deep deep utility drawers.

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• Waterloo Healthcare

Each side of the **Dual-Sided Medication Cart** features a combination of large and small drawers, cassettes, and bins to hold medications and supplies. Available in stock models or custom configurations, the cart features a push handle, wrap-around bumper, tamper-resistant Best lock, side storage shelves, internal waste receptacle, and a replaceable ABS plastic top that includes an economical cup dispenser. Supply drawers and pill card boxes round out the requirements for long-term care medication dispensing. Two full-length doors can be added to the side shelving of the cart for use as a lockable liquid storage cabinet. All parts of the cart are latex free.



The compact **HALFTRX** cart is available in two configurations. Model 1LTC features three 3-inch-deep drawers on top and two 10-inch-deep drawers on the bottom. Model 2LTC features three 9-inch-deep drawers. Drawer dividers are available to organize patient pill cards. The 9- and 10-inch drawers hold approximately 111 6-inch-by-9-inch pill cards. Customers can customize carts with any combination of drawer sizes depending on method of dispensing medications. Each cart features a slide-out shelf for an extra work surface. There are open/closed warnings labels on both sides of the cart, so staff can quickly determine, even from a distance, if a cart is locked or unlocked. The HALFTRX is available with three types of locks: a Best key lock system, a Simplex push-button lock, and an electronic battery-operated keypad. Optional color trim is available in four colors, and all parts of the cart are latex free.

MEDTRX storage system carts are specially designed for long-term care settings. The cart features a standard slide-out shelf to provide an extra work surface for writing or performing tasks. There are open/closed warning labels on both sides of the cart so staff can quickly determine if a cart is locked or unlocked. Waterloo offers the MEDTRX with three types of locks: a Best key lock system, a Simplex push-button lock, and an electronic battery-operated keypad. Each full-size drawer holds 111 pill cards, and a half-size drawer will hold 37 pill cards. Optional color trim is available in four colors (violet, green, blue, pink), and all parts of the cart are latex free.



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• MMI Med Carts

The **Focal Series F5**, with a capacity for up to 750 punch cards, includes:

- a Best lock w/ removable core
- a trash compartment
- card row dividers with sub-dividers
- heavy-duty casters with brakes



- self-closing "accuride" slides
- pre-placed inserts for the flexible placement of accessories
- easy change handles for quick color change or refurbishments
- an aluminum shell with vinyl coating for durability and ease of use



MMI's **Focal EMS** (entry management system) offers automated relocking capabilities, and enables user access through magnetic stripe and proximity readers. Using MMI's Lockview software, you can:

- add, edit, view, and delete users/supervisors and their credentials
- assign access rights between users/supervisors and EMS systems in the database
- download, view, and save audit trails
- set time-based access restrictions

MMI can help you integrate notebook PCs and computing solutions with any cart in its line.

MMI's **Vintage Series** line of medication furniture provides the balance of style and function that many assisted living facilities demand. Attractive and effective, the Vintage Series offers nine wood finish options for



mobile medication cabinets, each featuring specialized hardware options, distinguished counter surfaces, and an array of configurations. The entire line allows for both locks and keyless systems. The Vintage Series features a less "institutional" look, adding to the comfort of residents.

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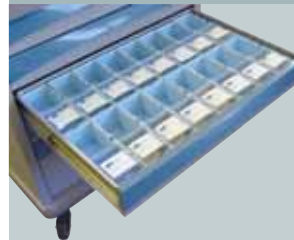


• **Rx Systems, Inc.**

Q-Series carts are made from lightweight aluminum. The carts have a hard-baked powder coating for a maintenance-free, enduring finish. The cart cabinets use Best locks to guarantee smooth and dependable operation. There are seven different colors to choose from, and most carts can ship in 72 hours. Choose from three sizes to best suit your needs.

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Additional Sources for Medication Carts:



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Armstrong Medical Industries, Inc.	30
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• **The Harloff Company, Inc.**

Harloff's **VL216BOX** (216-box capacity) and **SL294BOX** (294-box capacity) Unit-Dose Box Medication Cart offers:

- a top drawer for stock medications, treatments, and supplies
- a deeper bottom drawer for liquids and bulkier supplies
- a full range of accessories
- a key locking system and two keys



- 5-inch ball bearing wheels
- full-extension ball bearing drawer slides
- a hard-baked powder-coat finish available in 15 colors
- a five-year warranty



Harloff's **SL460PC** (460-card capacity) and **SL600PC** (600-card capacity) Punch Card Medication Carts offer:

- a top drawer for stock medications, treatments, and supplies
- a deeper bottom drawer for liquids and bulkier supplies
- a full range of accessories
- a Best key locking system and two keys
- 5-inch ball bearing wheels
- full-extension ball bearing drawer slides
- a hard-baked powder-coat finish available in 15 colors
- a five-year warranty

Harloff's **VL280PCSP** Punch Card Medication Cart offers:

- 280-card capacity
- a top drawer for stock medications, treatments, and supplies



- a deeper bottom drawer for liquids and bulkier supplies
- a full range of accessories
- a Best key locking system and two keys
- 5-inch ball bearing wheels
- full-extension ball bearing drawer slides
- a hard-baked powder-coat finish available in 15 colors
- a five-year warranty

A specialty package comes with a locking sharps container, a waste container, and a drawer tray with dividers

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