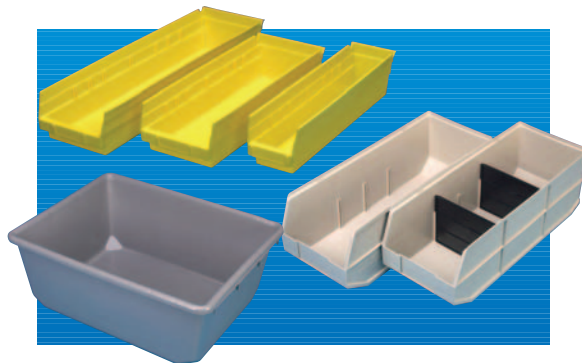


# New & Noteworthy



## Expanded Line of Storage and Transport Products

EPS, Inc. announces the expansion of its line of storage and transport items. Now included in the company's product offerings are medication exchange bins for the handling of IV bags; bulk supply tubs for large, unwieldy items; stock bins for transporting small products; autoclavable instrument trays for the special handling of delicate instruments and supplies; and mobile utility workstation carts that allow users to transport their work stations and supplies at the same time.

EPS, Inc.  
Circle #80 or visit [www.medi-dose.com](http://www.medi-dose.com).



## Partnership Yields Hands-Free, Wireless Communications Device

NEC Unified Solutions, Inc. announces an agreement to incorporate its UNIVERGE WL converged mobility solution with the Vocera Communications System, resulting in a comprehensive offering for wireless, hands-free voice communication between health-system employees.

The UNIVERGE WL system includes wireless LAN infrastructure, handsets, and professional services. The Vocera Communications System allows users to instantly communicate with one another via communication badges, which weigh less than two ounces and can be clipped to a shirt pocket or collar or worn on a lanyard. Basic voice commands operate the badges to instantly connect people over the UNIVERGE WL.

NEC Unified Solutions, Inc.  
Circle #33 or visit [www.nec.com](http://www.nec.com).

## 510(k) Clearance from FDA for Wireless Connectivity and Monitoring for Infusion Pump

Baxter Healthcare Corporation announces 510(k) clearance from the FDA to market an interface that enables hospitals to wirelessly connect Baxter's COLLEAGUE CX infusion pumps and Patient Care System.

The wireless-connectivity system allows healthcare providers to capture real-time patient information during infusions and to monitor the status of infusions via hand-held computers. The interface also enables the bedside review of pharmacy-entered prescription information in programmed pump settings, ensuring the appropriate administration of infusions. In the second half of 2005, the wireless connectivity interface will undergo clinical studies at sites already using Baxter's Patient Care System, with wide availability planned for late 2005.

Baxter Healthcare Corporation  
Circle #11 or visit [www.baxter.com](http://www.baxter.com).



## New Keyless-Entry Systems for Pharmacy Applications

CompX Security Products introduces the CompX eLock, a new line of keyless-entry systems. The eLock provides multiple access means (PIN codes, magnetic stripe cards, or proximity cards) with the use of existing employee credentials or badges, is powered by four AA batteries, and can be retrofitted to a pharmacy's existing equipment.

The memory allows for up to 250 users and stores an audit trail of the last 1,500 transactions. The eLock, available in five models, is programmable with the numeric keypad or with the optional Windows-based LockView software, which enables supervisors to set user-restrictions for the lock and to download the lock's audit trail into a Microsoft Access database.

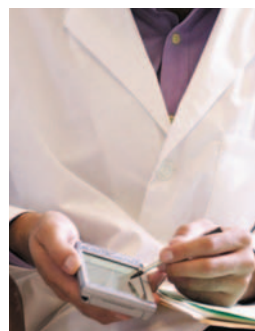
CompX Security Products  
Circle #30 or visit [www.compXnet.com](http://www.compXnet.com).



## Automated System for Easier PDA Downloads and Updates

Lexi-Comp, Inc. announces that the Lexi-Connect system, which updates the On-Hand line of PDA products, is now automated for easier downloading and updating. By double-clicking on a desktop Lexi-Connect icon, Palm OS and Pocket PC users can receive immediate updates of the latest drug and drug interaction information, without having to manually initiate downloads or enter pass codes. Lexi-Connect allows users to add, remove, or send files to the PDA memory card, access the Lexi-Comp website, and renew and auto-license software from their desktops.

Lexi-Comp Inc.  
Circle #93 or visit [www.lexi.com](http://www.lexi.com).



## New Localized Pain-Treatment System

B. Braun's new LidoSite Topical System can reduce needle-stick pain for patients age five and up during common medical procedures. The system comprises the LidoSite Patch, filled with Lidocaine HCl 10% and Epinephrine 0.1%, and the LidoSite Controller, a pre-programmed device that activates the patch, providing pain reduction equivalent to a Lidocaine injection without the needle-stick.

Unlike topical creams that can take up to an hour to achieve their full anesthetic benefit, the LidoSite system delivers numbing medication to the procedure site after a 10-minute application. The LidoSite Topical System is also simple to use; a push of a button starts the anesthetic delivery.

B. Braun Medical Inc.  
Circle #35 or visit [www.bbraunusa.com](http://www.bbraunusa.com).



## Retracting Syringe Now in Full Release

Becton, Dickinson announces the full release of the BD Integra 1ml Retracting Tuberculin and Insulin Syringe, which is available in five needle/gauge sizes and has an integral needle that can help clinicians maximize medications drawn from multi-dose vials.

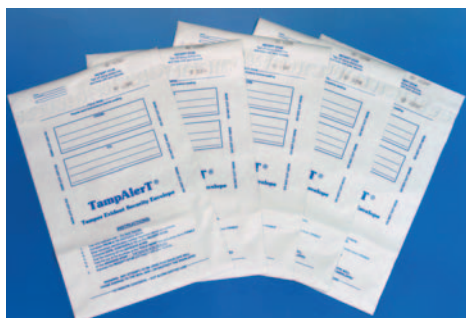
The syringe has extremely low waste-space volume, which can help health care organizations reduce medication waste and associated costs, and can be activated using one hand, making it easy to use. Its wider flanges offer stability and comfort when delivering injections, and its clear barrel and bold scale markings make precise dosing easier. In addition, after an injection is administered, the needle retracts into the syringe barrel, minimizing the potential for needle-stick injury.



Becton, Dickinson and Company  
Circle #61 or visit [www.bd.com](http://www.bd.com).

## Tamper-Evident Envelopes Ensure Contents' Security

EPS, Inc. announces the launch of tamper-evident TampAlerT Security Envelopes, designed to provide a maximum amount of tamper-evidence and tracking accountability for important documents, valuable patient property, confidential reports, specimens, and medical records.

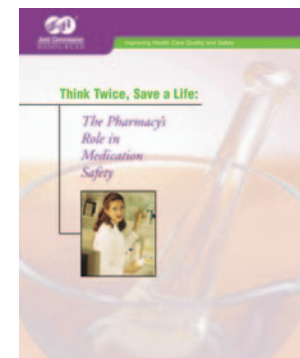


TampAlerT envelopes' closure adhesive ensures that the envelopes can only be opened when cut, and their triple-layer extruded-film construction shows visible distortion with any attempt to open them. An envelope's receipt stub carries a coded number, which is also imprinted on the envelope's body, allowing users to match sender, recipient, and contents. TampAlerT envelopes are available in packs of 100 envelopes with quantity pricing on as little as five packs.

EPS, Inc.  
Circle #16 or visit [www.medi-dose.com](http://www.medi-dose.com).

## Video and Workbook Promote Medication Safety

Joint Commission Resources, Inc., announces the publication of the video and workbook *Think Twice, Save a Life: The Pharmacy's Role in Medication Safety*. Featuring real-life vignettes to help pharmacists understand their role in preventing medication errors, the video is divided into learning modules and segments, with prompts indicating when to refer to the workbook for more information on a topic.



The workbook offers strategies and tips for the prevention of medication errors, and ideas for partnering with nurses, physicians, patients, and their families to improve the medication-use process. The workbook discusses the Joint Commission's standards for patient safety and medication management, as well as the National Patient Safety Goals, and includes self-assessment exercises and lists of additional resources for further study. Priced at \$295, the program is appropriate for individual or group training.

Joint Commission Resources, Inc.  
Circle #3 or visit [www.jcrinc.com](http://www.jcrinc.com).



## Upgraded Interface Engine Provides Advanced Enterprise Integration

Omnicell, Inc. announces the release of OmniGate 2.0, an upgraded version of its interface engine that gives hospital IT managers remote monitoring and alert functionality, and that also speeds up the development and testing of new interfaces. The OmniGate system transforms and communicates data between disparate systems over a variety of communication protocols, improving communication from Omnicell's product line to the hospital's admissions, billing, pharmacy, and materials management information systems.

Omnicell, Inc.  
Circle #19 or visit [www.omnicell.com](http://www.omnicell.com).

## New Bedside Medication Management Solution Under Development

Hospira, Inc. and Bridge Medical announce an agreement to create a wireless, point-of-care, medication management solution that links Hospira MedNet software, which helps hospitals to define dose limits and track IV drug delivery, with the Bridge MedPoint system for bedside medication verification.

Wireless communications modules integrated into Hospira infusion devices provide two-way communication with Bridge MedPoint, allowing Hospira MedNet to determine whether an ordered dose is within a hospital's best practice guidelines. MedPoint ensures that the right drug is being administered at the right dose to the right patient, and provides safety checks for allergies and high-risk medications. Settings based on a physician's order are transmitted electronically from MedPoint to the Hospira

infusion device, so caregivers no longer have to enter the drug, dose, and infusion rate manually, eliminating the opportunity for a programming error.



AmerisourceBergen Corporation/Bridge Medical and Hospira, Inc.  
Circle #46 or visit [www.bridgemedical.com](http://www.bridgemedical.com) and [www.hospira.com](http://www.hospira.com).