

New & Noteworthy



Licensing Agreement for Bar-Code Recognition Software

Omniplanar has entered into a licensing agreement with SyGade Solutions. SyGade will initially use Omniplanar's SwiftDecoder bar-code recognition software in their iDL Mobile Computer, with usage expanding to include a combination handheld bar code scanner and RFID tag reader. SwiftDecoder can recognize and decode all major one- and two-dimensional bar code symbologies, with high read rates even on warped, skewed, scratched, smudged, torn, and poorly printed bar codes. Combining SwiftDecoder with SyGade's high-resolution imaging and optical modules will provide superior bar code reading capabilities.

Omniplanar, Inc.

Circle #13 or visit www.omniplanar.com or www.sygade.com.

Labeling Solution for Vials, Ampules, and Syringes

The Flag Label System from Medical Packaging Inc. utilizes MPI's Pharmacy Accessory Label Printer (PALP) and WinPakUD software to provide a labeling solution for vials, ampules, syringes, and other items distributed from the pharmacy that require a bar code.

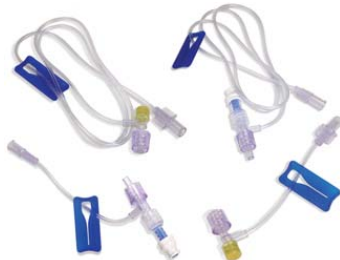


Each label features a double-sided print area allowing for both a bar code and six lines of text and has a print area of 1.5x1 inches. The label can be easily removed from its backing and applied to the product in one swift motion.

Medical Packaging Inc.

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Infusion System Administration Sets for Cardiac Applications



Baxa announces the addition of four specialty administration sets to the MicroFuse Syringe Infusion System line. The new sets incorporate a T-site for the convenient administration of coronary vasodilators during myocardial perfusion imaging. Their easy-access ports facilitate the addition of a secondary medication during cardiac monitoring procedures, and can minimize the introduction of touch contamination. The sets are available in several convenient lengths to accommodate different clinical practices.

Baxa Corporation

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Online Space-Planning Resource

InterMetro announces the launch of the Metro Space Planning Resource website. The site has been designed to benefit health care professionals engaged in the planning, design, installation, and utilization of space in their facilities. The site's resources, including CAD blocks, a shelving-selector tool, a caster guide, and the new product configurator, which allows you to build your own Starsys unit online, can help you effectively plan for a pharmacy redesign.

InterMetro Industries Corporation

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Easier Monitoring and Protection of IV Sites

EPS announces the release of the IV PRO Site Protector, which enables convenient monitoring and protection of IV sites. IV PRO's clear cover reduces the need for other dressings over the needle or catheter, and allows for easy inspections of the site. The product's ventilation holes minimize condensation around the site, and its transparent dome reduces stress and damage to the site when the patient is restless or transported. Further, IV PRO's flexible wings allow it to be attached to difficult application sites.

Proper placement of IV PRO's grommet can minimize the risk of accidental IV catheter or needle dislodging, and can reduce the possibilities of needle-sticks and the potential for infection transfer. The product is available in sterile or non-sterile packaging.

EPS, Inc.

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Spray Bottles in Three Sizes

EPS releases its Trigger Spray Bottles in three sizes: 8, 16, and 32 ounces. Easy to fill and handle, the bottles' long trigger grip can help to accurately deliver the



spray stream wherever you direct it. Trigger Spray Bottles are useful in cleaning counters and hoods, where a wide-field spray is required. The bottles are stocked in cases of either 36 (8- or 16-ounce bottles) or 24 (32-ounce bottles), and quantity pricing is available on as few as five cases.

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Epidural Trays with Needle Protection

Smiths Medical has expanded their epidural tray product line to include needle protection safety devices. With a line of 21 standard epidural tray products, Smiths Medical offers a choice of trays with Point-Lok safety devices or with Hypodermic Needle-Pro and Point-Lok safety devices. The Hypodermic Needle-Pro, once activated, reduces the risk of accidental needle-sticks. The Point-Lok, a stand-alone protection product that can be used on a variety of needle types and sizes, provides effective protection for 16- to 30-g needles. The new trays' inner layout is specifically designed to hold the Hypodermic Needle-Pro and Point-Lok safety devices in place.



Smiths Medical MD, Inc.

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Tabletop Anesthesia Dispenser



Omnicell introduces Anesthesia TT, a tabletop, automated system for dispensing specialized medications in tight quarters. The system can be bolted to a surface for additional security, and using the attached bar code scanner, it can document both the withdrawal of items and returned controlled-substance waste, helping health systems meet certain regulatory requirements.

System access is granted via user ID and password, by integrated magnetic or optical card readers, or by Touch & Go, Omnicell's biometric system. When integrated with the OmniCenter server, the Anesthesia TT provides greater accountability for medications and allows pharmacy to maintain tight control over narcotics and other medications.

Omnicell, Inc.

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Hemostatic Gauze Now in Distribution

ActSys Medical announces the distribution of ActCel Hemostatic Gauze, made from a natural, collagen-like substance created from chemically treated cellulose. It is an effective, patented hemostatic agent registered with the FDA to help control bleeding from open wounds and in body cavities. ActCel contains no chemical additives, thrombin, or collagen and is hypoallergenic. When it comes in contact with blood, it expands to three to four times its original size, causing direct pressure, sealing off the damaged blood vessels, and accelerating the clotting process. Over a one- to two-week period, ActCel becomes a gel that breaks down into glucose and saline. ActCel is sterile and contains bacteriostatic properties, making it useful in the treatment of contaminated wounds or body cavities in which the maintenance of a sterile field is difficult or impossible.



ActSys Medical, Inc.

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New Packaging Configurations for Oral Dispensers

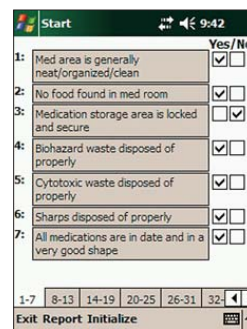
Baxa announces the release of new packaging configurations for its latex-free Exacta-Med Oral Dispensers. Because their special tips cannot accommodate a hypodermic needle or actuate a needle-less IV access port, the dispensers can prevent the accidental injection of oral medications. The dispensers' amber coloring further promotes their differentiation from standard hypodermic syringes.

Available in 1-, 3-, 5-, 10-, and 20-ml sizes, Exacta-Med Dispensers are now packaged for the ward (with attached tip caps for ease of use on nursing wards) and for the bedside (in packs of 10, offering convenient access when oral medications are drawn up and delivered in the patient's room). Specially



Unit Inspection Application Available on Pocket PC

Healthprolink announces the release of a Pocket PC version of UnitStock, a documentation and reporting tool designed to assist hospital pharmacy departments in meeting JCAHO standards MM.2.20, MM.2.30, and MM.8.10 for the storage of medications in nursing units, clinics, and operating rooms. With UnitStock, pharmacists can document monthly unit inspections via the Web or on a handheld device, run real-time reports to see which units have been inspected, view the completed inspection reports, and monitor trends in compliance by unit and by criteria. UnitStock's e-mail capability can eliminate paper-based communication from the inspection process. Current customers can download the new Pocket PC version immediately.



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