

New & Noteworthy



Syringe Caps Offer Convenience and Tamper Evidence

EPS launches its sterile TampAlerT Tamper-Evident Syringe Caps for use with controlled substances, chemo-therapeutics, or meds that require special handling. Designed for luer lock syringes with capacities of 1 cc or larger, each cap contains a clear luer lock closure protected by a colored, tamper-evident, breakaway sleeve. Once attached to the syringe, the closure can only be removed when the outer sleeve is broken.

The caps are packaged in trays of 10, which have been designed to allow practitioners to cap syringes directly from the tray, thereby minimizing the risk of touch contamination. EPS TampAlerT Tamper-Evident Syringe Caps are available in three colors—red, white, and blue—for quicker visual identification of meds.

EPS, Inc.

Circle #99 or visit www.medi-dose.com.

New Lightweight Cart

Armstrong Medical introduces its new All Aluminum Auto-Locking Cart, which features lightweight aluminum construction and mounting tracks, a stabilizing frame, 5-inch swivel casters (two with brakes and one with tracking), a master code for all programming, an access code for daily use, manual or automatic locking options, a lock timer, manual key override for emergency access, and a low battery indicator light with an audible beep.



Armstrong Medical Industries, Inc.

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Wireless Mobile Computing Workstation

Artromick introduces the Initi Mobile Computing MedServer, a new mobile computing workstation that melds the features of mobile computing workstations with the security and organization of medication carts. With a compact 18-inch footprint for ease of use at the point of care, it also provides keyless access with an automatic relocking function and a Pentium M computing system with a 17-inch interface, available in either standard or touch-screen models. The product's height can be adjusted electronically, and its DC power supply can ensure extended battery life. The Initi Mobile Computing MedServer can bridge the gap between floor-based medication dispensing units and the bedside.

Artromick International, Inc.

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Software Optimizes Pocket PC Wireless Connections

Socket Communications announces Wi-Fi Companion, a graphical software application for Pocket PCs that can improve the user's ability to detect hotspots, set up and monitor connections, perform basic site management functions, view access points, determine the strength of wireless connections, and determine whether security is enabled and what type of security is being used. The software's ping and trace route diagnostics tools can make it easier to troubleshoot network issues, and its connection-persistence capability manages and maintains user connections. Wi-Fi Companion also automatically manages WLAN power save settings to maximize the battery life of Pocket PCs.



Socket Communications, Inc.

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Wireless Infusion-System Software

Hospira introduces a wireless version of its MedNet system, which helps hospitals define medication dose limits and track IV drug delivery to prevent errors. The wireless component of the system combines MedNet's medication-management software with networking technology to establish real-time send-and-receive capability to link hospital information systems with Hospira's Plum A+ infusion systems. The two-way communication can enable easier monitoring of infusions and immediate access to infusion data.



Hospira, Inc.

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Pump for Sterility Testing in Isolators

Millipore launches the isolator version of the Steritest Equinox pump, a software-controlled peristaltic pump that can be affixed directly to a barrier isolator's work table, enabling the transfer of drug samples from various packaging formats to Millipore's Steritest and Steritest EZ testing devices. Custom procedures can be downloaded from a computer to the pump, prompting users through selected standard operating procedures. A patented auto-close pump head simplifies the loading and unloading of the device's tubing and minimizes the risk of damaging isolator gloves. In addition, a pressure-control system consistently monitors the pressure inside each canister. Its profile can decontaminate the isolator's interior, eliminating the risk of false positives. The pump is also available for sterility testing in laminar flow hoods.



Millipore Corporation

Circle #22 or visit www.millipore.com/steritestequinox.

New Connector for Safe Administration of Hazardous Drugs



Baxa announces the release of a new PhaSeal System Connector, which attaches a PhaSeal Injector to an IV line for the safe administration of hazardous drugs. The PhaSeal system is a set of disposable containment devices that connect the original drug vial, syringe, or IV injection or infusion set for a completely sealed drug pathway. A closed system, PhaSeal contains hazardous drugs throughout the transfer, preparation, transport, administration, and disposal processes. The new Luer lock connector can be used with needleless IV access devices and is longer to accommodate valve-actuated access devices, while ensuring that the injector needle is never exposed and that the PhaSeal system remains closed.

Baxa Corporation
Circle #50 or visit www.baxa.com.

Windows-Based System for Cart-Inventory Control



MMI Med Carts has released the Entry Management System (EMS) program for the increased control of medication cart inventory. Utilizing Lockview Software and multiple entry-code and scanning options, EMS can control cart access for up to 250 users and supervisors. A motor-driven locking mechanism provides security for the cart itself, while EMS' software allows for editing of users, rights, and credentials. Specific controls allow carts to be set for predetermined durations of access. EMS can also create individual access and user groups for different stations, and can provide reporting options, such as an audit trail of the last 1,500 access attempts, detailing the date and time and the individual who accessed the cart.

MMI Med Carts
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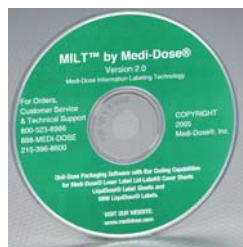
Packaging Changes to IVIG Product

ZLB Behring announces several enhancements to the packaging of Carimune(R) NF Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) to enhance patient safety and improve operational efficiency throughout the health system. The packaging changes include increased product information; a new RSS bar code at the unit-of-use level to all bottles and boxes of Carimune(R) NF, including lot number, expiration date, Global Trade Identification Number (GTIN), and NDC number, in addition to the existing EAN-128 bar code, with GTIN and NDC number information; peel-off labels printed with lot number and expiration date that can be placed on patient charts; a tamper-evident seal; and updated graphics to make the packaging more recognizable.



ZLB Behring LLC
Circle #96 or visit www.zlbbehring.com.

New Bar Coding Software



MILT 2.0 bar coding software for EPS' Medi-Dose, TampAlerT, and LiquiDose packaging and labeling systems, allows pharmacists to bar code medications and print up to 26 characters of text using Medi-Dose and Mini-LiquiDose labels, and up to 30 characters using standard LiquiDose labels. In addition, characters can be printed in bold, colored, italicized, or underscored text to call attention to look-alike/sound-alike medications. MILT 2.0 also enables Web upgrades to its NDC database, and can convert NDC numbers to 19 different bar code symbologies. Other features include a locking function for designated information fields, a custom user setting to control access to certain operations, and a label and user audit trail. MILT 2.0 is compatible with most Windows operating systems and uses EPS' Laser Label products.

Medi-Dose, Inc.
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New Aluminum Medication Cart

Waterloo Healthcare introduces the Elite Aluminum Cart, which is 40% lighter than traditional steel carts. Its 5-inch Tente casters can be locked to hold the cart in position, and offer increased maneuverability. The cart also features four mounting tracks for additional accessories, a pull-out shelf, three centralized locking options (a key lock, a lever/breakaway lock, and a push-button lock), and four configurable drawer sizes. The cart is available in two heights, 27 inches and 30 inches, and 18 drawer colors.



Waterloo Healthcare
Circle #33 or visit www.waterloohealthcare.com.

Software Enables HIPAA-Compliant Wireless Security

Interlink Networks releases LucidLink Wireless Security software, which protects patient information transmitted over Wi-Fi networks and meets security safeguards required under HIPAA. The software enables hospitals to secure their 802.11 wireless networks by preventing unauthorized network access, authenticating users, and maintaining detailed usage logs. The software can secure a wireless network in under 15 minutes and supports most popular wireless access points and routers.



Interlink Networks, Inc.
Circle #11 or visit www.lucidlink.com.