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Swisslog Introduces Inventory Management Software to Control Hospital Medication Supply Chain

Denver, CO. – Swisslog, a leader in hospital logistics automation, has released its next generation of Inventory Management Software (IMS) for the hospital pharmacy. The software controls inventory costs, improves workflow efficiency and enhances patient safety.

The software optimizes pharmacy inventory and provides a “perpetual inventory” approach specifically designed for hospital medication flow. Swisslog’s IMS will automate reordering of drugs directly with the hospital’s pharmaceutical wholesaler. All inventory movements from the warehouse to dispensing, stock levels, remote inventory, and replenishment orders are recorded and tracked.

“Ineffective inventory management often leads to excess stock and high waste due to expiring drugs and, as a result, cost hospital pharmacies millions of dollars each year,” says Ben Hinnen, Business Unit Manager for Swisslog Automated Drug Management Systems. “Our inventory management software can reduce inventory costs significantly, while improving workflow efficiency and ultimately the quality of patient care.”

Swisslog IMS features several modules including inventory ordering/receiving, satellite pharmacies/departments, and central pharmacy and reporting. It also provides full reporting

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capability and is designed to be linked to the Hospital Information System/ADT. Hardware requirements include a mobile workstation and a handheld scanner.

The IMS works in unison with Swisslog's PillPick® pharmacy automation system for packaging, storage and dispensing of unit dose, bar coded medications in centralized or hybrid pharmacies, as well as with its ATP-high speed packager and BoxPicker automated storage and retrieval system for decentralized/dispensing cabinet-driven hospitals. Together, these systems along with the IMS provide hospitals a complete inventory management solution.

Swisslog's inventory management software is being introduced at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Summer Meeting in Rosemont, IL. June 14-16. For more information about Swisslog's pharmacy automation solutions, visit Swisslog on the web at <http://www.swisslog.com/index/hcs-index/hcs-pharmacy.htm>.

About Swisslog

Swisslog is a global provider of integrated logistics solutions for warehouses, distribution centers and hospitals. Its comprehensive services portfolio ranges from building complex warehouses and distribution centers to implementing Swisslog's own software. In addition Swisslog provides intra-company logistics solutions for hospitals as well as software and consulting services in the field of supply chain management.

Swisslog's Healthcare Solutions division is the world leader providing logistics automation mainly for healthcare markets. Swisslog has installed hospital material transport and pharmacy automation systems in more than 2,000 hospital and pharmacies throughout the world.

Swisslog offers total system design, manufacturing, installation and customer support providing a complete hospital supply chain management approach to logistics challenges. Swisslog Healthcare Solutions division headquarters is located in Denver, CO with corporate headquarters in Buchs/Aarau, Switzerland. For more information, visit www.swisslog.com.

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