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North Kansas City Hospital Upgrades Pharmacy with Swisslog Automation Solutions

DENVER, Colo. (Oct. 4, 2011) – Swisslog, a leading provider of automated materials transport and medication management solutions for hospitals, today announced that North Kansas City Hospital has deployed Swisslog's [PillPick™](#) and [BoxPicker™](#) in its pharmacy.

North Kansas City Hospital is the Midwest's leader in installing advanced technology throughout the hospital. This fall, the pharmacy upgraded from an existing Homerus robot, which was installed in 2001, to Swisslog's PillPick robot. PillPick is a fully automated robot that packages, stores and dispenses barcoded unit doses onto the patented PickRing™. With a 99.9% accuracy rate and no human touches, PillPick significantly decreases medication errors.

BoxPicker, an automated bulk storage unit, is an alternative to carousels and shelving. The three-module BoxPicker picks at a rate of three to one over typical carousels, allowing access to only a single drawer at a time in order to prevent picking errors. It will save the pharmacy staff time while increasing picking efficiency.

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“The combination of PillPick and BoxPicker allows for a high percentage of our medications to be dispensed through automation,” said Pharmacy Supervisor David Hitchcock. “This will increase our efficiency, turnaround time and, ultimately, patient safety because medications are not handled by humans and come out of the robot on ready-to-dispense rings, which are verified by barcode. The streamlined PillPick/BoxPicker combination will also eliminate the need for shelf space that we needed previously, creating additional room in the pharmacy.”

Swisslog Healthcare Solutions is the leading supplier of logistics automation solutions for healthcare facilities. Swisslog has installed [automated materials transport](#) and [medication management systems](#) in more than 3,000 hospitals around the world, including more than 2,000 in North America. Swisslog offers total systems design, manufacturing, installation and customer support providing a complete supply chain management approach to the logistics challenges of hospitals. The North American division of Swisslog Healthcare Solutions is based in Denver, CO.

About North Kansas City Hospital

North Kansas City Hospital is an acute-care facility with 451-licensed beds and five centers of excellence: Northland Cardiac Center, Northland Cancer Center, Northland Women’s Center, Northland Orthopedic Center, and Northland Emergency Center. The medical staff includes more than 550 physicians representing 49 medical specialties.

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 to intra-company logistics solutions for hospitals.

Swisslog’s solutions optimize customers’ production, logistics and distribution processes in order to increase flexibility, responsiveness and quality of service while minimizing logistics costs. With years of experience in the development and implementation of integrated logistics solutions, Swisslog provides the expertise that customers in more than 50 countries rely on.



Headquartered in Buchs/Aarau, Switzerland, Swisslog currently employs over 2,000 staff in about 20 countries worldwide. The group's parent company, Swisslog Holding AG, is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (security number: 1232462, Telekurs: SLOG, Reuters: SLOG.S). For more information, visit www.swisslog.com.

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