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Swisslog's PillPick and BoxPicker Among Top Pharmacy Automation Choices

DENVER, Colo. (February 10, 2010) – [Swisslog](#), a leading provider of automated materials transport and pharmacy automation solutions for hospitals, is helping its customers survive and thrive despite the difficult economic environment plaguing many healthcare facilities in the United States and Canada.

Swisslog's PillPick and BoxPicker continue to be the pharmacy automation solutions-of-choice for dozens of North America's top hospitals. A hospital's decision to install Swisslog's pharmacy automation solutions is an investment that pays very handsome dividends: increased operational efficiency, lower operating costs and improved patient safety.

[PillPick](#) was introduced in the United States in 2003 at Erlanger Medical Center. The PillPick system, currently installed or under contract for installation at more than 40 sites including NYU Langone Medical Center, Singing River Hospital and Ocean Springs Hospital, is an automated robot that packages, barcodes, stores and dispenses unit doses. Offering built-in redundancy, the PillPick can package and dispense simultaneously, reducing filling time for pharmacy orders. The [DrugNest](#) storage component of PillPick can store more than 50,000 unit doses at any one time.

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The orders are received from the pharmacy information system and are then assembled onto the patented [PickRing](#) which holds bar-coded unit doses for a 24-hour period for each patient. Primarily a patient safety item, the PickRing can also be used for automated dispensing cabinet replenishment.

[BoxPicker](#) was first installed at Loyola University Medical Center in 2006. Since then, it has become the preferred alternative to outdated carousels at hospitals across the country because it is safer, faster and more efficient. Offering refrigerated, non-refrigerated and dual-temperature storage options, [BoxPicker](#) is an automated pharmacy warehouse that provides high-density storage and retrieval of medications and supplies. BoxPicker allows access to only one drawer at a time, enables picks up to three times faster than a carousel, and is scalable to store up to 2000 secure bins. BoxPicker utilizes scan in and out technology, which provides extremely accurate inventory control while optimizing pharmacy workflow. It can also be used as a clean pass-through for [USP-797 Clean Rooms](#).

“Swisslog has a portfolio of automation solutions for hospitals of any size,” said Ben Hinnen, vice president of Swisslog’s Automated Drug Management Systems (ADMS) division. “From our standalone [high-speed strip packagers](#) to PillPick and BoxPicker and our Inventory Management Software, we offer complete pharmacy management options that reduce inventory costs, reduce time spent on non-value added tasks and increase patient safety. We’re confident that hospitals across the country will continue to prefer Swisslog solutions for their automation needs.”

Swisslog Healthcare Solutions is the leading supplier of logistics automation solutions for healthcare facilities. Swisslog has installed automated materials transport and pharmacy automation systems in more than 3,000 hospitals and pharmacies 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 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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The logo for Swisslog, featuring the word "swisslog" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The letters are a dark red or maroon color. The "i" and "s" are connected, and the "l" is a simple vertical bar. The "o" is a simple circle. The "g" has a small tail. The logo is set against a white background.