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## **University of Mississippi Medical Center Successfully Installs Updated Pharmaceutical Cabinet**

### ***MedSelect® Flex™ Automated Dispensing Cabinet Encourages Potential Medication Safety Benefits, Provides Additional Storage and Saves Time***

VALLEY FORGE, Pa (September 17, 2010) – The University of Mississippi Medical Center pharmacy in Jackson, MS, recently successfully completed the first installation of AmerisourceBergen’s next generation [MedSelect Flex](#) automated dispensing cabinet for medications and supplies. MedSelect Flex is part of an integrated product line of medication management solutions offered by AmerisourceBergen. The MedSelect Flex cabinet is used at the nurse’s stations and in other departments within hospitals to help with dispensing of patient medication.

“One of the enhanced features of this cabinet is that nurses are limited to taking out just one medication each time, thus reducing the possibility of a medication error,” noted Michael Todaro, PharmD, director of Pharmacy Services at UMMC. “The nursing staff has also mentioned that the single item access drawers have made it easier to retrieve medications.”

“This initial installation has demonstrated the ability of MedSelect Flex to provide seamless add-on capabilities to customers using the legacy MedSelect product,” noted Michael Rosenblum, group vice president of AmerisourceBergen’s Technology Group. “In addition, MedSelect Flex has been designed to easily replace other automated dispensing cabinets.”

MedSelect Flex is comprised of both the cabinet hardware and software which interface with a hospital’s inventory management system to manage, track and store medications and patient prescription information. The medications are scanned via barcode by the pharmacy when the unit is stocked, as well as at the cabinet when the medications are dispensed. Data for medication dispensing can be stored and retrieved for reporting for up to five years.

One of the additional features of the cabinet is increased storage capacity, which has already shown to save time on restocking in the pharmacy at UMMC, according to Dr. Todaro. “While we continue to restock the unit on a regular basis, the capacity allows us not to have to fill every drawer, every time.”

The new footprint for MedSelect Flex allows for an 88% increase in medication storage within the cabinet and 120% increase within the unit dose module, an optional component that many customers elect . The unit dose module delivers “true unit dose” dispensing during the medication administration process, improving the security and chain of custody of high profile medications. Additionally, the unit dose module allows for more efficient operations for the nursing staff as it minimizes or eliminates the need for time consuming inventory counts.

For more information about the MedSelect Flex, click [here](#).

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### **About The University of Mississippi Medical Center**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center, located in Jackson, is the state’s only academic medical center. University of Mississippi Health Care represents the clinical programs of UMMC, which are University Hospital and Health System and University Physicians, the faculty practice. UMMC encompasses five health science schools, including medicine, nursing, health related professions, dentistry and graduate studies, as well as the site where University of Mississippi pharmacy students do their clinical training. The Medical Center’s threefold mission is to educate tomorrow’s health-care professionals, conduct innovative research to improve human health, and to provide the highest quality care available to the state’s citizens. A major goal of the Medical Center is the improvement of the health of Mississippians and the elimination of health disparities. For more information, contact the Division of Public Affairs at 601-984-1100 or visit us on the Web at <http://info.umc.edu/>.

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