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eMedPass Medication Administration Software Introduced to Long-Term Care, Assisted Living, and Rehab Facilities

Innovative software automates process of distributing, tracking, and re-ordering medications and treatments safely and efficiently

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – (July 2, 2007) – Creative Strategies, Inc. today officially launches **eMedPass**, an innovative software system designed to simplify and automate the standard medication pass in long-term care and rehabilitation facilities. After more than two years in development, the **eMedPass** system is currently in place at Louisville's PCA Pharmacy and Oaklawn long-term care and rehab facility. After three months on the market in a beta test phase, **eMedPass** is also in use at three long-term care facilities in the eastern United States and is the preferred eMAR (electronic Medical Administration Record) software provider for three institutional pharmacies located in Ohio and Pennsylvania. With today's announcement, additional facilities and institutional pharmacies are expected to implement the **eMedPass** software within the next three to six months.

eMedPass offers exceptional value with its extensive functionality

- **eMar** – Ensures intended residents receive correct medications and dosages in a timely fashion.
- **eLog** – Maintains accurate inventory of all drugs received for storage in a medication cart, as well as those returned after being discontinued.
- **eControl** – Safeguards controlled medication from theft as logged by shift and nurse.
- **ePrescribe** – Provides exceptional convenience with direct re-ordering capability with institutional pharmacies.

Intuitive touch-screen functionality makes eMedPass training simple

eMedPass features an innovative touch-screen system with every system as standard equipment. It is designed to be straightforward for facility staff, regardless of personal computing skill. "We created **eMedPass** to be as user-friendly as an ATM machine or

airline self-check in kiosk,” said John Carroll, President of Creative Strategies. “By combining the latest in touch-screen technology with supportive visuals including photos and icons, we have made the process of software implementation trouble free for facility staff.” The top surface of medication carts is always open for use by facility staff, as no separate keyboard is necessary with **eMedPass** due to its touch-screen function.

Biometrics ensure patient privacy and security

The current environment of the medical community demands sharp attention to patient safety, security, and privacy. **eMedPass** supports this with the use of fingerprint-based biometrics. **This technology is built into the touch-screen platform and can eliminate the need for staff identification cards while allowing secure access of resident data.**

Increased accuracy & timeliness of medication and treatment administration

eMedPass ensures correct medication dosages and schedules for each facility resident. Each resident is assigned an individualized screen within the **eMedPass** system displaying their photo and personal identification information. This screen displays visual icons at the time a resident is due to receive medication or medical treatment. A nurse scans the medication’s barcode or enters treatment information to ensure proper administration. Once the medication or treatment has been administered, **eMedPass** records the date and time, screen icons disappear until it is time for the next administration. If a medication or treatment was not administered as scheduled, a care provider must document an explanation in a special screen prior to proceeding.

Prescription reordering made simple

Nurses or other care providers must scan a selected medication’s barcode prior to any medication administration. The **eMedPass** system keeps track of the remaining quantity of the medication and can automatically reorder it from the pharmacy when necessary. The simplified, automated ordering procedure is a time-saving tool supporting improved accuracy for both facilities and pharmacies. **eMedPass** also allows users to easily establish new resident profiles, edit medication and treatment information, and determine parameters for reporting within a wing or facility. For many pharmacies, this system has allowed a move to a paperless system no longer requiring re-orders to be manually faxed from care facilities.

Reporting tool allows management to control costs

Because all medication and treatment information is stored in a central database, **eMedPass** will instantly generate routine information including Physician Order and Medical Administration Reports (MAR). This reporting system replaces manual data entry and further contributes to accuracy in paperless office environments. The **eMedPass** reporting mechanism also offers improved efficiency related to controlling expenses associated with ordering and refilling medications from pharmacies. This constant documentation within **eMedPass** allows administrators to manage productivity and ensure accuracy, while reducing liability risks and increasing regulatory compliance.

Customizable to facility, developed by technology experts

eMedPass was created by an experienced staff with extensive background in software development, IT and healthcare industries. Led by John Carroll, Creative Strategies has been working with long-term care and rehab facilities for two years in creating an innovative and affordable software program exceeding industry expectations. As part of the installation process, Creative Strategies spends time with facility staff and management in training and customizing the **eMedPass** system to meet facility specifications. Regular on-site visits are also scheduled with **eMedPass** project managers to ensure facility staff are comfortable using the new system.

For additional information, please visit www.emedpass.com. Product-related photos, demonstration CD, and other information are available upon request.

About Creative Strategies

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