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CARDINAL HEALTH LAUNCHES INNOVATIVE SYRINGE TO SOLVE STORAGE CHALLENGE

Monoject® 35 mL Syringe for Alaris® System Features Detachable Plunger Rod for Easier Storage within Pyxis® MedStation®

DUBLIN, Ohio, March 26, 2009 – Cardinal Health, a global provider of products and services that improve the safety and productivity of health care, today launched a new syringe with an innovative design that allows for easier storage in automated medication dispensing machines.

The Monoject® 35 mL syringe, compatible with the Alaris® PCA (patient controlled analgesia) module, features a flexible, two-piece design by Covidien, manufacturer of the Monoject® line of needle devices. The new syringe easily fits within the pockets and drawers of Pyxis® MedStation® automated dispensing machines and was developed in response to customer demand for improved storage capability at the point-of-care. The compact packaging solution of the syringe is intended to fit in Pyxis® MedStation® pocket types, improving storage and access to PCA syringes on the nursing floor.

A pre-filled version of the new Monoject® 35 mL syringe will be available exclusively from PharMEDium Services, LLC in custom compounded admixtures for PCA administration. PharMEDium follows a rigorous approach to quality including real-time stability testing for all of its compounded preparations. In addition, pre-filled syringes from PharMEDium offer a unique, patent-pending labeling design with integral warning statement and unique shapes to differentiate between drug families and support the “right drug, right concentration and right route” of the medication administration process. The new pre-filled syringes from PharMEDium provide a time-saving, custom PCA admixture in a compact container to support proper administration while facilitating storage at the point-of-care.

Hospitals that compound and fill their own PCA syringes can order the new syringe directly from Cardinal Health. The new PCA syringe with a detachable plunger rod will be an alternative to the current pre-assembled Monoject® 35mL syringes used with the Alaris® PCA module. The current syringe can create a storage challenge for Pyxis® MedStation® users because of the space required when the plunger rod and barrel come pre-assembled as one piece.

About Cardinal Health

Headquartered in Dublin, Ohio, Cardinal Health, Inc. (NYSE: CAH) is a \$91 billion, global company serving the health care industry with products and services that help hospitals, physician offices and pharmacies reduce costs, improve safety, productivity and profitability, and deliver better care to

patients. With a focus on making supply chains more efficient, reducing hospital-acquired infections and breaking the cycle of harmful medication errors, Cardinal Health develops market-leading technologies, including Alaris® IV pumps, Pyxis® automated dispensing systems, MedMined™ electronic infection surveillance service and VIASYS® respiratory care products. The company also manufactures medical and surgical products and is one of the largest distributors of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies worldwide. Ranked No. 19 on the Fortune 500, Cardinal Health employs more than 40,000 people on five continents. More information about the company may be found at www.cardinalhealth.com.

About Covidien

Covidien is a leading global healthcare products company that creates innovative medical solutions for better patient outcomes and delivers value through clinical leadership and excellence. Covidien manufactures, distributes and services a diverse range of industry-leading product lines in four segments: Medical Devices, Imaging Solutions, Pharmaceutical Products and Medical Supplies. With 2008 revenue of nearly \$10 billion, Covidien has more than 41,000 employees worldwide in 59 countries, and its products are sold in over 140 countries. Please visit www.covidien.com to learn more about our business.

About PharMEDium Services, LLC

PharMEDium is the leading national provider of outsourced admixture compounding services. PharMEDium state-of-the-art facilities are a nationwide network of state licensed and federally registered compounding centers providing trusted solutions to more than 2,000 hospitals throughout the United States. Managed by licensed pharmacists and staffed by certified technicians, the company complies with all applicable state laws and FDA regulations, including USP Chapter <797>, as well as DEA and cGMP Requirements. In addition, PharMEDium offers the convenience of online ordering including CSOS (electronic DEA form 222) and order tracking designed to ensure reliable delivery of these critical admixtures. For more information, please visit them at www.pharmedium.com.