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PHARMEDIUM ANNOUNCES ROLLOUT OF A NEW OPERATING ROOM ANESTHESIA DRUG CUSTOM COMPOUNDING SERVICE

ALIGNS WITH NATIONAL QUALITY/PATIENT SAFETY INITIATIVES

LAKE FOREST, IL AND ANAHEIM, CA (March 31, 2008) – PharMEDium Services, LLC, the leading provider of outsourced hospital pharmacy I.V. compounded solutions, today announced the rollout of a new service offering of commonly compounded, anesthesia drug syringe preparations that are tied to a host of national quality and patient safety initiatives intended to improve patient care.

The rollout was announced at company headquarters and at the Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses annual Congress in Anaheim.

The initial custom compounding service covers five drug classes - antibiotics (including Cefazolin), sedatives, neuromuscular blockade agents, narcotics, and vasopressors, said Rich Kruzynski, R.Ph, PharMEDium President. Throughout 2008, the service will expand to cover additional requested custom, compounded preparations commonly prescribed for use in the OR, Kruzynski added.

The new custom OR compounded preparation service offers a host of features designed to enhance safety and delivery of OR medications improving patient care. Specifically, the copyrighted, patent pending service labels were designed based on the input of industry experts.

Each custom service label is color-coded by drug class and dual-banded with the compounded drug preparation name, enabling physicians to see the drug name on each preparation from various angles and to reduce the potential for an error with high-alert medications. The use of color coding by drug class, another major feature, aligns with recommendations of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), and is endorsed by the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). This feature may improve clinicians' recognition of syringe medication service labels in emergency situations, Kruzynski said.

The labeling features integrated into the custom OR compounding service have been developed as a result of extensive market research conducted directly with anesthesiologists and conforms to the standards of ASTM and the Joint Commission. The Joint Commission's 2007-08 Patient Safety Goal 3d recommends that all medications and solutions used in the perioperative environment be properly labeled. PharMEDium ASTM color coding for syringe preparations by drug class (orange for sedatives, violet for vasopressors, blue for narcotics, etc.) is intended to enhance drug recognition in emergency situations in the OR.

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“An initiative like the new OR custom Anesthesia Drug Compounding Service can support hospitals’ efforts to improve on delivery of patient care in light of the new Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services’ pay-for-performance initiatives. This is another major element of PharMEDium’s industry-leading expertise and a continuation of our goal to set the industry standard. Our objective is to continue to provide innovative solutions to clinicians and pharmacists to facilitate improved patient safety providing the highest quality of patient care, with the highest quality preparation process and comprehensive labeling,” said PharMEDium Chairman and CEO David Jonas.

About PharMEDium Services, LLC

For more than 15 years, PharMEDium has been the leading provider of outsourced compounding services. In that time, PharMEDium has grown into a nationwide network of state licensed and federally registered compounding centers providing trusted solutions to more than 1,800 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> and DEA Requirements.

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