Omnicell Boosts Pharmacy Efficiency with Enhanced WorkflowRx(TM) Central Pharmacy Automation Software

--Unique Intelligent Order Routing allows hospital pharmacies to design their workflow to be more efficient while reducing inventory levels

ROSEMONT, Ill., June 15, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- ASHP 2009 Summer Meeting and Exhibition -- Omnicell, Inc., (Nasdaq: OMCL) a leading provider of system solutions to acute healthcare facilities, today announced the Omnicell WorkflowRx(TM) 6.0 central pharmacy automation software solution. With new and enhanced features, WorkflowRx 6.0 automates the ordering, receiving, stocking and picking processes of medications to enable pharmacies to increase pharmacy staff efficiency and improve patient safety.

Featuring enhanced Intelligent Order Routing (IOR), the WorkflowRx 6.0 solution has the ability to route orders between a medication inventory management carousel in addition to an Omnicell bar code medication packaging system. This dynamic automation allows pharmacists to design their central pharmacy workflow to efficiently process medication orders between their packager and unit dose locations, tightening inventory levels and reducing the accumulation of returns.

The WorkflowRx 6.0 solution works with several types of carousel systems on the market, allowing hospitals who have already made a carousel or packager investment to choose Omnicell for their inventory management requirements.

"From receiving to dispensing, the WorkflowRx solution is a capability that allows us to increase our control over medication inventory levels," said David Grant, RPh, MBA, Director of Pharmacy and Respiratory Care, Chambersburg Hospital. "With Intelligent Order Routing, interface configurations between our carousel and packager that previously had to be manually maintained are now all automated. Pharmacy operations were streamlined by 25% to 50% and efficiency based on user-defined IOR scheduled rules increased by 50% to 75%."

In addition to IOR, the WorkflowRx 6.0 solution offers an Environment Manager feature that allows multiple instances of the WorkflowRx capability to be installed on the same server and run simultaneously. This added flexibility allows users to create and manage test environments and to train new employees without interfering with current operations. A newly added User Profile feature remembers a pharmacist's or technician's display settings, automatically returning them to their preferred screen layout each time they logon to the system.

"The WorkflowRx solution provides hospitals with the ability to automate inventory management of the entire pharmacy including bulk storage, IV room, refrigerated cases, satellite pharmacies and other remote storage locations," said Danielle Coleman, product manager, Omnicell. "Through intelligent ordering automation that determines optimal inventory levels, inventory costs are decreased and regulatory compliance is improved."

The WorkflowRx 6.0 solution is available now and is being demonstrated June 14-19, in Omnicell Booth #617 at the ASHP 2009 Summer Meeting and Exhibition, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL (Chicago metro area).

About Omnicell

Omnicell, Inc. (Nasdaq: OMCL) is a leading provider of systems targeting patient safety and operational efficiency in healthcare facilities. Since 1992, Omnicell has worked to enhance patient safety and allow clinicians to spend more time with their patients.

Omnicell's medication-use product line includes solutions for the central pharmacy, nursing unit, operating room, and patient bedside. Solutions range from complete automation systems for the central pharmacy to nursing unit and bedside dispensing cabinet systems. From the point at which a medication arrives at the receiving dock to the time it is administered, Omnicell systems store it, package it, bar code it, order it, issue it, and provide information and controls on its use and reorder.

Our supply product lines provide a healthcare institution with fast, effective control of costs, capture of charges for payer reimbursement, and timely reorder of supplies. Products range from high-security closed-cabinet systems and software to open-shelf and combination solutions in the nursing unit, cath lab and operating room. For more information, visit www.omnicell.com.

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