

Middlesex Hospital Bolsters Pharmacy Safety and Compliance by Extending Wolters Kluwer's Simplifi 797 with Omnicell's IVX Workflow

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Hospital Selects Combined Solution for End-to-End Compliance and Workflow

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., Sept. 18, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Wolters Kluwer, Health and Omnicell, Inc. (NASDAQ: OMCL) today announced that Connecticut-based Middlesex Hospital has extended its use of Simplifi 797® and has chosen Omnicell's IVX Workflow to automate the hospital's sterile compounding operations.



The companies provide a turnkey solution that combines the expertise and best-practice approach of quality management solution Simplifi 797 with the advanced IVX Workflow technology from Omnicell. Pharmacies can now leverage an integrated solution with powerful capabilities to improve safety, accuracy and compliance with USP <797> and USP <800> quality standards, which oversee sterile compounding practices in pharmacies.

Scrutiny of compounding policies followed a high-profile meningitis outbreak in 2012 that brought to light weaknesses in the state-level oversight of these potentially risky drugs and the contamination-prone environments where they are formulated. The Pew Charitable Trusts' drug safety project has identified more than 71 reported compounding errors or potential errors from 2001 to 2017 linked to 1,416 adverse events and 115 deaths.

"While states boards have strengthened oversight over the last few years, pharmacies are still playing catch-up in streamlining their compounding processes, as well as in the education and training of pharmacy staff," explained Karen Kobelski, General Manager of Safety and Surveillance at Wolters Kluwer, Health. She adds, "Many pharmacies have yet to tackle the effective management of sterile IV compounding, one of the riskiest aspects of pharmacy operations and one which remains largely untouched by advanced automation."

Middlesex Hospital Automates IV Workflow

Middlesex Hospital is a nearly 300-bed non-profit, acute care community hospital in Middletown, Connecticut. Part of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, Middlesex specializes in oncology, orthopedic services, minimally invasive surgery procedures, bariatric surgery as well as pregnancy and birth services.

Middlesex selected the combined solution to extend the capabilities it already had through Simplifi 797 for nearly three years. Middlesex Hospital had been searching for an IV workflow product for some time, evaluating the design and benefits of available products.

"The IVX Workflow solution really stood out because it was designed to be in an IV clean room right from the start. The solution has a strong combination of software and hardware making it one of the more advanced products we evaluated," explained Anne Marie Calamari, Middlesex Hospital's Director of Pharmacy. "Having Simplifi 797 with the new IVX Workflow solution gives us more assurance on patient safety. And as an existing Simplifi 797 client, there is a comfort level using a solution we know while having access to the new cleanroom features."

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