

The PINNACLE™ of Efficiency and Safety: B. Braun Launches TPN Manager at ASHP 2007

Advanced CPOE and Pharmacy Calculating Software Streamlines TPN Compounding, Helps Reduce Errors

Las Vegas, (December 4, 2007) — B. Braun Medical Inc, a global leader in innovative healthcare products and services, announces the launch of PINNACLE™ TPN Manager. Complementing the company's award-winning PINNACLE TPN Management System, this advanced Computer Physician Order Entry (CPOE) and Calculating Software automates calculations and streamlines the total parental nutrition (TPN) compounding process from the moment an order is entered by the pharmacist until the time it is infused into the patient. The company will highlight the efficiency and safety capabilities of this new resource at the 42nd American Society of Health-System Pharmacist Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibits (ASHP) being held Dec. 2-6 in Las Vegas (Booth #811).

"TPN formulations can be complex, involving numerous time-consuming calculations for a single order," said Rob Albert, Vice President, Marketing, Pharmaceutical and Drug Delivery, B. Braun Medical Inc. "The new PINNACLE TPN Manager software not only simplifies the process, freeing up valuable pharmacists' time and resources, but perhaps even more importantly can help reduce compounding errors and protect patient safety."

Designed with the pharmacist in mind, the easy-to-use Windows® browser-based PINNACLE TPN Manager features several advanced tools such as customized patient templates and reports to help ensure rapid and smooth delivery. For added safety, the software includes Trissel's™ Ca/P graphical compatibility curves, which were developed in collaboration with national drug compatibility expert, Lawrence Trissel, R.Ph., to address calcium/phosphate compatibility in an effort to reduce potential errors. In addition, labels can be generated with bar-coded prescriptions to eliminate the need for manual entry on the compounder and the infusion pump.

"TPN compounding is a multi-step process that requires attention at every stage," adds Albert. "By utilizing our PINNACLE solutions, pharmacists have a checks and balance system throughout the entire process, resulting in a high level of efficiency, accuracy and safety that also promotes USP <797> compliance.

USP <797> guidelines are designed to provide standards of care in sterile pharmaceutical compounding. PINNACLE enhances compliance with these guidelines through customizable daily checklists requiring completion of standard operating procedures (SOPs) to ensure proper environmental checks during compounding, and the ability to monitor and track the entire TPN process.

About B. Braun

B. Braun is the recipient of the 2007 Frost & Sullivan Medical Technology Global Excellence Award for its excellence in helping healthcare providers improve the lives of their patients. B. Braun Smart Pumps have achieved "Category Leader" in the KLAS Top 20 Mid-Year Report Card for Smart Pump Technology, 2007.

Since its founding in 1839, B. Braun has built an unparalleled store of knowledge and expertise in delivering innovative healthcare products, medical devices and programs that enhance working processes in hospitals, alternate care settings and medical practices – increasing safety for patients, doctors and nurses. Its 34,000 employees worldwide are proud of their commitment to translating customer needs into products with unmatched quality, superior technology, cost-effectiveness and environmental responsibility.

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