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New Software Helps Hospital Pharmacists

Baxa Corporation has introduced its latest software product for the hospital pharmacy—Abacus, a Windows-based program for order entry and total parenteral nutrition (TPN) calculation. Abacus was designed by

health system pharmacists to ensure safety and reduce the opportunity for user errors in the prescribing, calculating, and mixing of parenteral nutrition solutions.

"Hospital pharmacists have come to rely on Baxa for technology that leads the market in streamlining pharmacy practice," says Market Manager Ed Apodaca. "Abacus offers built-in safety features and user customization unavailable in any other software package." The software's graphical user interface and drop-down menus make the program easy to use and simplify training. Bar-coded formula labels and aluminum content tracking provide the highest level of compounding safety on the market. Graphical calcium phosphorus curves and customizable warning limits prevent order and mixing errors. Abacus also features extensive reporting tools to support pharmacy tracking and decision making.

Abacus may be used to implement physician TPN order entry, with orders held for final checking by pharmacists. It calculates and balances physician prescriptions and allows warning limits to be set according to customer protocols. The program can be customized to match individual facilities' forms and procedures.

According to the ASHP, approximately 65% of U.S. hospitals use automated compounders for mixing parenteral nutrition solutions each day. These hospitals are the target customers for Abacus, which replaces Baxa Corporation's TPN-PC and TPN-PC Plus Software for order entry and calculation.

Abacus is available as a stand-alone calculation tool (Abacus CE), in a single-user edition (Abacus SE), and a multiuser edition (Abacus ME). The program complements the Baxa line of automated compounders—the Exacta-Mix 2400, the MicroMacro 12 and 23, and the Exacta-Mix 600.

For more information, visit www.baxa.com.