Introducing Abacus™ – a Windows®-based program for order entry and TPN calculation. Designed by pharmacists to ensure safety throughout the process of prescribing, calculating and mixing parenteral nutrition solutions, you can count on Abacus to streamline pharmacy compounding.

Available in early 2004, the software will be featured at the ASHP Mid-Year in New Orleans.

Safe
User-defined calcium-phosphate curves.

Easy-to-use
Windows-based order entry.

Flexible
Order forms and warning limits can be customized to customer protocols.

Efficient
Calculates and balances the physician’s prescription.

Abacus features an easy-to-use graphical interface with simple drop-down menus. 24/7 Technical Support and an online manual mean training and troubleshooting tools are available whenever you need them. Barcoded formula labels and aluminum content tracking provide the highest level of compounding safety on the market. Graphical calcium/phosphorous curves and customizable warning limits prevent errors in ordering and mixing. Extensive reporting tools support tracking and decision making.

Even with all of the built-in safety features, Abacus provides a high degree of flexibility to meet individual facility needs. Labels and templates are customizable and security settings are user-defined.

Count on Baxa for Technology That Streamlines Pharmacy Practice

Abacus will be available as a stand-alone calculation tool (Abacus CE), in a Single User Edition (Abacus SE) and a Multi-User Edition (Abacus ME). For more information contact Baxa Customer Service at 800-567-BAXA (2292). Or, complete and return the attached business reply card.

Rock your pharmacy with the latest technology from Baxa. Visit our Booth, No. 2949, at the ASHP Mid-Year in New Orleans and enter our drawing to win a free I-Pod™!

The symbol ‘Rx’ shares elements of both the ancient symbol for the Roman God Jupiter and the ‘Eye of Horus.’ Jupiter’s blessing was invoked upon prescriptions to ensure their purity. Horus was an Egyptian god considered to be the “Father of pharmacy.” The Eye of Horus (or ‘udjat’) became a very powerful symbol in ancient Egypt. It was worn as an amulet to ensure good health and ward off sickness.
Like many Medical Device companies, Baxa has maintained several DOS products far longer than is the norm in other industries. We knew these software packages needed to be upgraded to a Windows environment. For Baxa this meant investing a team of three programmers, two quality testers, a pharmacist and a marketing manager for more than 18 months. With medical devices, validation testing ensures that the product works as intended and is safe and effective. We apply the same rules to our software.

In addition to a user-friendly graphical format, Abacus has a number of safety enhancements over other order entry programs. Chief among these are improved warning limits that allow users to set limits in one unit of measure and be assured that the limits will be enforced even if the amount is entered in another unit of measure. Also included is a graphical calcium/phosphorous curve that allows users to adjust the formula simply by dragging and dropping the intersection point on the curve.

Abacus replaces TPN-PC Plus™, Baxa Corporation’s previous order entry, calculating and labeling printing software. We purchased the rights to TPN-PC Plus in the early 1990’s from Apothecary Software, and then signed a deal with Abbott Labs so that they could use TPN-PC Plus with their NutriMix compounders. Over the years we performed basic maintenance on the program, but continued to contract with Apothecary to write upgrades to the program. Abacus marks the first major stand-alone software development effort conducted in-house at Baxa. Developing and sustaining this capability marks a major advance for Baxa and our ability to serve our customers.

We plan to continue to develop Abacus. Later in 2004, we plan to launch a Windows version for our MicroMacro™ 12 and 23 operating software. With that launch, we’ll finally leave the DOS world behind!

This greater focus on software reflects Baxa Corporation’s strategy to build systems that address the complete application in the pharmacy – from order entry and order verification to label printing and final packaging. Count on Baxa to apply software in ways that help you, along with our unique devices, to handle, measure, package and administer liquid medications safely and more efficiently than ever before.

If you would like a demo of the Abacus Software, contact us at 800-567-BAXA (2292) or return the attached business reply card. As always, if you have ideas you’d like to share about your pharmacy or application, I’d love to hear from you!

Greg Baldwin
CEO and Chairman

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