



Omnicell Selected by FirstHealth of the Carolinas for Essential Medication and Supply Management

Omnicell Automation Systems Selected to Increase Clinician Efficiency and Improve Patient Safety at FirstHealth's Three Regional Hospitals

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., Jan 19, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- [Omnicell, Inc.](#), (Nasdaq: OMCL) a leading provider of system solutions to acute healthcare facilities, today announced that [FirstHealth of the Carolinas](#) has selected Omnicell [OmniRx\(R\)](#) automated medication dispensing cabinets (ADCs) and [OptiFlex\(TM\)](#) supply systems to streamline the management of medications and healthcare supplies throughout its facilities. FirstHealth will deploy Omnicell solutions to its three-hospital network which includes [Richmond Memorial](#), [Montgomery Memorial](#) and [Moore Regional](#).

"Our partnership with Omnicell provides us with advanced solutions that easily integrate into our medications and supplies infrastructure," said Wesley Cowell, administrative director of pharmacy for FirstHealth of the Carolinas. "Our core purpose is to care for people, and patient safety is our first priority. Omnicell solutions have an excellent record of minimal maintenance, ease-of-use and improved efficiency resulting in increased quality of medical care."

Omnicell allows FirstHealth clinicians to manage medications and medical supplies simply and accurately, making the process of administering medications safer and more efficient. In turn, providers can spend more time with patients to ensure high-quality care. Omnicell's cabinets have expanded capacity to allow FirstHealth to store significantly more medication in the same footprint as its legacy system, ensuring that medications a patient may need are always available.

"We applaud FirstHealth's initiative to replace existing technology to equip their clinicians with the best tools for patient care," said J. Christopher Drew, senior vice president, field operations for Omnicell. "Omnicell is well known for building strong customer relationships, and we are committed to providing FirstHealth all the support they need for a seamless integration."

FirstHealth chose Omnicell for their highly-intuitive solutions for medication and supply management technology, including OptiFlex. OptiFlex will allow FirstHealth to integrate physician preference cards with managing surgical supplies, increase inventory management and automate charge capture to cumulatively improve productivity, efficiency and hospital revenue. Other Omnicell product benefits include guiding lights which illuminate the correct drawer for a specific medicine, addressing a common cause for medication dispensing errors. FirstHealth noted that Omnicell has a reputation for customer responsiveness which helps hospitals remain current with ever-changing regulatory compliance for nursing and pharmacy staff as well as implementation of the most current innovations for patient safety.

About FirstHealth of the Carolinas

FirstHealth of the Carolinas is a private, non-governmental, not-for-profit health care network serving 15 counties in the mid-Carolinas. FirstHealth of the Carolinas is licensed for three hospitals -- one in Richmond County (Richmond Memorial) and one in Montgomery County (Montgomery Memorial) as well as the flagship Moore Regional in Pinehurst -- with a total of 559 licensed beds. In our effort to offer a multi-disciplined continuum of care, we also provide the services of inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs, three centers for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders, three dental care clinics for underprivileged children, six family care centers, six health and fitness centers, a laundry, four charitable foundations, a Hospice program, a Home Health program, and critical care transport, EMS and medical transport services. We also have an insurance plan that includes a product that specifically targets the vast numbers of uninsured in our coverage area. These integrated facilities and services make FirstHealth one of the nation's most comprehensive health care networks. To learn more about FirstHealth, please visit www.firsthealth.org.

About Omnicell

Omnicell, Inc. (NASDAQ: OMCL) is a leading provider of systems to enable healthcare facilities to increase operational efficiency, enhance patient safety and allow clinicians to spend more time with their patients.

Founded in 1992, Omnicell's medication-use solutions include complete automation systems for the central pharmacy, anesthesia workstations for the operating room, dispensing cabinet systems for nursing units, and safe, secure medication transportation and verification systems to the patient bedside. From a medication's arrival at the receiving dock to its dosing to the patient, Omnicell systems store it, package it, bar code it, order it, issue it, and provide information and controls on its use

and reorder.

Omnicell supply product lines provide a healthcare institution with comprehensive supply chain solutions that result in 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.

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