

B. Braun Educates Pharmacists Concerning JCAHO Guideline USP 797

Shares Knowledge Gained To Help Advance Pharmacy Safety

Bethlehem, PA (July 19, 2004) - B. Braun Medical Inc., a leading healthcare products and services company dedicated to patient and caregiver safety, continues its mission of Sharing Expertise™ with medical professionals through its educational programs and seminars at industry conferences. Most recently, the company presented training on JCAHO guideline USP 797 compliance at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) summer conference in Las Vegas.

The guideline, introduced in April 2004, is the latest in the roster of policy changes for JCAHO-accredited health care facilities. To keep the integrity of compounded medication unadulterated, the new guidelines provide stringent environmental and procedural standards to maintain sterile medication and infection control.

USP 797 is a challenging guideline, but one that will be strictly enforced. That is one reason why B. Braun is helping Hospitals and Outpatient Surgery Centers meet the growing challenges of compounding and dispensing pharmaceutical solutions through its subsidiary, Central Admixture Pharmacy Services, Inc. (CAPS®).

"We believe that educating pharmacists about the intricacies of USP 797 is a responsibility we share with the medical community," said Eric Steen, President of CAPS, a subsidiary of B. Braun. "CAPS is fully compliant with the new mandated USP 797 requirements for sterile compounding. By outsourcing sterile compounding processes to CAPS, hospitals or other providers can be confident that they are meeting the requirements, while conserving and best utilizing precious staff resources," he added.

Pioneered in 1991, CAPS is a nationwide network of state-licensed, FDA-registered pharmacies that deliver high quality admixture services and solutions to a dynamic and challenging pharmacy environment. CAPS services allow hospital and outpatient surgery center pharmacies to expand services and help enhance patient care without increasing staff.

CAPS offers USP 797 compliant facilities, cleanrooms, and ISO Class 5 (Class 100) compounding hoods, as well as:

- Extensive formalized written policies, procedures, training and USP 797 compliant Quality Assurance program
- Environmental control
- Equipment calibration, routine maintenance

Expert Resource Available

Eric Steen is available to discuss the implications of USP 797, the CAPS program or our role in Sharing Expertise among pharmacists and hospitals. To arrange for an interview, please contact Arielle Bernstein, Makovsky + Company 212-508-9643, abernstein@makovsky.com

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