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B. BRAUN MEDICAL INC. CONTRACTS WITH CLEVELAND CLINIC TO PROVIDE CENTRAL ADMIXTURE PHARMACY SERVICES (CAPS®)

One of America's Top Hospitals Selects B. Braun's CAPS Program for Admixture Outsourcing Solution

Bethlehem, PA (October 22, 2002) – B. Braun Medical Inc. today announced that The Cleveland Clinic, ranked the third best hospital in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, has contracted with B. Braun's Central Admixture Pharmacy Services (CAPS) for the admixture outsourcing of Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) solutions. "By outsourcing the admixture function, pharmacies are able to reallocate the time pharmacists and technicians once spent preparing IV solutions to other patient care activities and services focused on appropriate medication utilization and risk reduction," said David Kvancz, Director of Pharmacy for The Cleveland Clinic. "This option can be very helpful in view of the industrywide personnel shortages, and adds another layer to the patient medication error safety net." The Cleveland Clinic began outsourcing through B. Braun's Central Admixture Pharmacy Services on June 6, 2002. The contract currently includes admixture services and solutions for 40 adult TPN solutions. The Cleveland Clinic also will be outsourcing pediatric and neonatal TPN through B. Braun's CAPS program.

B. Braun's Central Admixture Pharmacy Services was pioneered in 1991 to deliver high-quality admixture services and solutions to a dynamic and challenging pharmacy environment. CAPS is a national network of state-licensed, FDA-registered pharmacies providing service to over 500 hospitals and home care customers. CAPS product offering consists of adult and neonatal TPN, Cardioplegia, I.V. drugs, dialysis solutions, hydration, chemotherapy, narcotics, and custom compounding services. Specialty products within each of these service areas include L-Arginine, Glutamine TPN, Sterile Talc, Amino Acid Enriched Cardioplegia, Clonidine, and CVVHD. From 15 nationwide locations, CAPS pharmacies operate 365 days a year to admix, dispense and deliver labeled, patient specific and anticipatory IV prescriptions to our growing family of outsourcing pharmacy providers.

"The Cleveland Clinic is a world-renowned hospital, and we are very pleased that they have chosen B. Braun's CAPS program for their TPN IV admixture outsourcing," said Eric Steen, President of CAPS. "Through market research conducted in 1990, we discovered the need for pharmacists to reduce the time spent on production work so that they could increase time spent on clinical work. CAPS was developed to fulfill this need. Our services provide a cost-effective, high quality solution that enable pharmacists to increase their focus on patient care."

About Cleveland Clinic The Cleveland Clinic is a private, not-for-profit group practice that includes a 954-bed hospital, outpatient services, a research institute and an education foundation. A

world-class academic medical center that is a designated national referral center and international health resource, The Cleveland Clinic provides a full range of medical services.

Nearly 1,100 full-time salaried physicians are on staff at The Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Florida. Patients routinely select The Cleveland Clinic for second opinions and treatment of complex or multiple medical problems. In 2001, there were more than 2.2 million outpatient visits to The Cleveland Clinic. Patients came for treatment from every state and from more than 80 countries. There were nearly 52,000 hospital admissions to The Cleveland Clinic in 2001. The Cleveland Clinic website address is www.clevelandclinic.org.

About B. Braun. 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 both patient and health-professional safety. Its 30,000 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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