



Press Release

Aethon® Announces MedEx

The first completely automated chain of custody solution for Pharmacy improves regulatory compliance and eliminates missing medications

December 6, 2009 – LAS VEGAS – Aethon®, Inc., the provider of TUG®, the automatic robotic delivery system and leading developer of supply chain management solutions for hospital supply chain logistics, announced today the release MedEx, a powerful enhancement to its TUG robots. With MedEx, Pharmacies will now have a completely automated chain of custody solution.

MedEx is an advanced tracking and surveillance system that allows the pharmacy to know the real-time location and status of any medication delivery. Combining passive RFID and biometrics capabilities built into the TUG's secure carts, with the inherent location-awareness and delivery capabilities of the TUG, MedEx automatically creates an electronic chain of custody receipt (person, location, date/time) when an item is placed in, and removed from, the TUG, eliminating the need for hardcopy signatures.

MedEx's tracking capabilities extend to refrigerators, lock boxes, nurse servers, and automated dispensing cabinets, providing assurance that medications have reached their final destination and have been properly stored.

In addition to improving regulatory compliance related to the delivery and storage of medications, MedEx solves one of the most prevalent and frustrating operational problems in pharmacies today: missing medications. With an automatic and electronic chain of custody record, pharmacies will no longer waste time and money tracking or re-filling medications because a delivered medication's location/receiver is unknown.

MedEx will be demonstrated at Aethon's booth (#3405) during the show. For more information, visit www.aethon.com or contact Peter Seiff at pseiff@aethon.com.

About Aethon: Based in Pittsburgh, PA, Aethon is a leader in healthcare Supply Chain Logistics and Workflow Solutions, providing a broad range of departmental and hospital-wide applications that automate the movement of goods (such as medications, supplies, meals, equipment, etc.), improve asset utilization, and ensure regulatory compliance. Aethon delivers its solutions through a proprietary autonomous mobile robot, the TUG, which reduces cost, enhances clinical productivity, improves workflow, and allows clinicians to focus more time on what matters most in patient care: the human touch. TUGs have demonstrated ROIs in the 20 to 50 percent range, while improving nurse and patient satisfaction. More than 100 hospitals nationwide have deployed Aethon's technology. For more information, visit www.aethon.com.

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