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McKesson and Pharmitas link up for move to electronic record keeping

In order to alleviate the time-consuming, and often tedious, business of keeping paper-based logbooks, McKesson Pharmacy Systems, a division of the McKesson Corp, and Pharmitas, a technology solutions compliance provider, announced that they have formed a strategic relationship to offer an integrated software solution module that will enable MPS pharmacy customers the ability to quickly, easily and efficiently manage the sale of regulated over-the-counter medications.

The module the Pharmitas Pharmacy Solution uses is an electronic data capture and management system that instantly reads consumers' identification and product purchases. It provides end-to-end compliance with all local, state and federal regulations for the sale of over-the-counter drugs, including pseudoephedrine products (as mandated by the Federal Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005).

"There are a growing number of regulated consumer products that do not flow efficiently through the pharmacy workflow and carry unique risks and costs for retailers," said Tom Michalski, MPS director of product development. "Our pharmacy customers have requested systems that allow them to spend more time consulting with their patients and less time filling out onerous paperwork. The addition of the Pharmitas Solution reinforces McKesson's commitment of providing our customers with the most comprehensive pharmacy systems and front-end business solutions to enhance their efficiency and profitability."

"Working with McKesson was a strategic step in Pharmitas' development and preparation for rapid growth," said Chris Parsons, president and chief executive officer at Pharmitas. "By partnering with the world's largest healthcare services company, we can extend our reach to provide powerful, innovative solutions and world-class support to pharmacies nationwide."