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## **SudaScan Combats Meth**

Bartell Drugs launches a retail pilot program aiming to curtail purchases of pseudoephedrine products exceeding the 3.6 g monthly limit mandated by the federal Combat Meth Act. The program, launched in the Washington state-based drug store chain's Lynnwood, Wash., location, employs SudaScan, a patent-pending software and database program produced by technology firm Pharmitas that eliminates the need for paper-based logs. The handheld device "instantaneously reads and decodes two-dimensional driver's license barcodes and UPC product labels to enter the required information, reducing the logging time from more than three minutes to about 13 seconds," Bellevue, Wash.-based Pharmitas states. Following the 90-day pilot program, Bartell will make a decision on whether to implement the SudaScan system in its other stores. Pharmitas say it currently is in discussions with a number of pharmacy and retail chains about adopting SudaScan nationwide....