



## **Omnicell Selected by Nation's Third Largest Public Healthcare System for Medication Management Systems**

### **Carolinas HealthCare System Chooses Leading Omnicell Automation Systems to Streamline Medication Management**

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., Dec 03, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- [Omnicell, Inc.](#), (Nasdaq: OMCL) a leading provider of medication system solutions to acute healthcare facilities, today announced that [Carolinas HealthCare System](#) (CHS), the largest healthcare system in the Carolinas and third largest non-profit public system in the nation, has chosen Omnicell OmniRx(R) automated medication dispensing cabinets (ADCs) to streamline management of medications in its hospitals. Using Omnicell's advanced automation solutions will help lessen the time and effort CHS clinical staff spends on administrative processes, in turn, giving them more time to focus on patient care and improve clinical outcomes.

"Omnicell offers exceptionally advanced technology features in its medication automation solutions and has a good track record of innovation as it continues developing its products. That, coupled with its migration path and modular design that protects our investment, as well as its high standard of service and support, addressed all hospital staff requirements--from system adoption to installation to implementation, and to future software upgrades," said Robert Carta, assistant vice president for Carolinas HealthCare System. "The level of product quality and breadth of service we had heard about from reference checks and which we experienced ourselves while testing made us confident that selecting Omnicell's automated medication cabinets to deploy throughout our extensive hospital network was the right choice," added Carta.

As a first-time Omnicell customer, CHS tested Omnicell's ADC systems and found its solutions and product support unmatched compared to competing vendors. Omnicell offers a predictable migration path with frequent software upgrades to help customers remain current with ever-changing regulatory issues as well as pharmacy and nursing best practices.

Other key advantages of the Omnicell systems include ease-of-use for pharmacy and nursing users who benefit from proprietary features including guiding lights technology, advanced single-dose dispensing and bar code confirmation on restock and issue. All of Omnicell's solutions are designed to decrease redundant administrative tasks to allow more time to focus on patient care.

The Omnicell OmniRx systems will provide the CHS network with advanced and flexible automated dispensing systems that will help enable clinical staff to monitor and control medication dispensing and reduce preventable medication errors. Omnicell's solutions will also help CHS hospitals capture charges on medications used during procedures and reduce nursing administrative time.

"We are pleased that a hospital network as prestigious as Carolinas HealthCare System has chosen Omnicell solutions for its medication management responsibility," said Randall Lipps, president, chairman and CEO of Omnicell. "This is a significant win for us. In choosing to replace its existing technology with our OmniRx solution, CHS recognizes our ability to help increase patient safety through the efficient and accurate management of medication dispensing. By noting that they were attracted to our reputation for high quality service and support, CHS has validated Omnicell's strategy to provide our customers with an experience unlike any other in the industry."

#### *About Carolinas HealthCare System*

[Carolinas HealthCare System](#) ([www.carolinashealthcare.org](http://www.carolinashealthcare.org)) includes 29 affiliated hospitals in North and South Carolina. As one of the leading healthcare systems in the Southeast, Carolinas HealthCare employs some 1,400 physicians and serves patients at more than 500 care locations including physician practices, nursing homes, surgical and rehabilitation centers, home health agencies and other facilities. These operations comprise approximately 6,000 licensed beds and employ some 44,000 people.

CHS's flagship facility is [Carolinas Medical Center](#) ([www.carolinasmedicalcenter.org](http://www.carolinasmedicalcenter.org)), an 874-bed hospital in Charlotte that includes a Level I Trauma Center, a research institute and numerous specialty units (heart, cancer, organ transplant, behavioral health, etc.). CMC also serves as one of North Carolina's five Academic Medical Center Teaching Hospitals, providing graduate medical education for more than 250 physicians in 18 specialties.

[Levine Children's Hospital](#) ([www.levinechildrenshospital.org](http://www.levinechildrenshospital.org)) has been recognized as one of "America's Best Hospitals" by U.S.

*News & World Report.* Other CMC hospitals have also been honored by J.D. Power and Associates for maternity, emergency and in-patient services. Carolinas HealthCare's "community benefit," which includes the value of indigent care, uncompensated medical services, education, research and charitable contributions, totals more than \$770 million annually.

#### *About Omnicell*

Omnicell, Inc. (NASDAQ: OMCL) is a leading provider of systems to enable healthcare facilities to increase operational efficiency, enhance patient safety and allow clinicians to spend more time with their patients.

Founded in 1992, Omnicell's medication-use solutions include complete automation systems for the central pharmacy, anesthesia workstations for the operating room, dispensing cabinet systems for nursing units, and safe, secure medication transportation and verification systems to the patient bedside. From a medication's arrival at the receiving dock to its dosing to the patient, Omnicell systems store it, package it, bar code it, order it, issue it, and provide information and controls on its use and reorder.

Omnicell supply product lines provide a healthcare institution with comprehensive supply chain solutions that result in fast, effective control of costs, capture of charges for payer reimbursement, and timely reorder of supplies. Products range from high-security closed-cabinet systems and software to open-shelf and combination solutions in the nursing unit, cath lab and operating room.

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