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JUPITER MEDICAL CENTER IMPLEMENTS MEDICATION SAFETY INITIATIVE

*Hospital Harnesses Barcode Technology to Enhance Medication Accuracy
at Patient Bedside*

June 10, 2009 - Jupiter, Fla. – Jupiter Medical Center is putting state-of-the-art barcode technology to work to enhance medication accuracy at patient bedside. The AdminRX medication administration system is the latest example of how the hospital is harnessing healthcare technology to continually improve patient care and safety.

According to The Institutes of Medicine, medication errors account for approximately 1.5 million preventable adverse drug events that occur in the U.S. each year.

To address that, the AdminRX system assists nurses in delivering the standard eight “rights” of medication administration protocol – right patient, right drug, right dose, right time, right route, right method, right documentation and the right to refuse, with the goal of intercepting potential errors.

“Jupiter Medical Center is focused on patient safety, and we continually work to improve the quality of our services and the overall patient care experience,” said CEO Paul Dell Uomo. “The AdminRx system is just one more measure we’ve taken in line with this ongoing commitment to patient safety.”

Under the AdminRX system, before administering a medication, a nurse uses a handheld device to scan and match bar-codes on the medication’s packaging and on the patient’s wristband. Any discrepancy in the medication, dosage or administration will trigger an alert, prompting the nurse to check the patient’s chart and the doctor’s order.

Medication scanning is just one aspect of JMC’s ongoing investment in technology. This latest innovation follows an \$8.5 million technology initiative, begun in 2004, to establish JMC as a digital hospital and industry innovator. That initiative introduced a number of advances, such as a hospital-wide computerized clinical information system, electronic medical record and on-line nurse documentation.

The \$1.8 million pharmacy system was funded through a grant from the Jupiter Medical Center Foundation.

A not-for-profit 283-bed community Medical Center consisting of 163 private acute care hospital beds and 120 long-term care beds, Jupiter Medical Center provides a broad range of services with specialty concentrations in orthopaedics, long-term care, minimally invasive vascular procedures, cancer care and advanced diagnostics. Founded in 1979, Jupiter Medical Center is affiliated with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, and is currently in the midst of a major, multi-year growth plan, which includes an Outpatient Center, additional ICU beds and a Heart & Vascular Center. The Medical Center has approximately 1,500 employees, 490 physicians and 700 volunteers.

For more information about the services available at Jupiter Medical Center, please call (561) 747-2234 or visit www.jupitermed.com.

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Jupiter Medical Center recently installed the AdminRX Prescription Barcoding System, working to enhance medication accuracy at the patient bedside.



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Jupiter Medical Center nurse Lisette Cintron demonstrates the new AdminRX Prescription Barcoding System. Under the AdminRX system, before administering a medication, a nurse uses a handheld device to scan and match bar-codes on the medication's packaging and on the patient's wristband.