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McKesson's BlistMED Revolutionizes Multi-Dose Blister Packaging in Retail Pharmacy

Improve medication management and employee satisfaction with BlistMED, an advanced multi-dose blister packaging robot that enhances efficiency, accuracy, and patient safety, all in a small footprint, ideal for retail pharmacies.

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Company Background

McKesson Pharmacy Automation has long been a market leader in providing automation technology to retail and institutional pharmacies. With a reputation for providing unparalleled service — truly second to none — they lead the way in automating how patients receive medication, enabling faster and safer treatment.

How exactly do they deliver the best possible experience to pharmacies and their patients? It's a precise mix of people, partners, and technology.

First and foremost are the people. People who understand what it's like to count pills or have their eyes go blurry from filling seemingly endless blister cards. People who understand the ins and outs of pharmacy. Their collective goal is to make every process within a pharmacy's operation safer, more accurate, and as efficient as possible.

Partners are the next ingredient in the mix: creative and enterprising engineering firms, best-in-class manufacturers, and premiere shipping and logistics companies.

Adding the two together results in leading-edge technology that automates the repetitive and manual tasks that most commonly lead to medication errors. BlistMED is one such technology.

Product Overview

■ **Blister Packaging is tedious. BlistMED can help.**

Expanding their line-up of blister packaging robots, McKesson Pharmacy Automation introduces BlistMED, a cutting-edge solution designed to automate the labor-intensive process of packaging multi-dose blister cards. By streamlining workflow and minimizing packaging time, BlistMED allows pharmacy teams to free up employees to focus on delivering exceptional care to their patients.

Fully automated blister packaging solutions typically require a significant amount of floor space to accommodate both the equipment and a work area for employees. That's not the case for BlistMED. At approximately the same depth as a standard counter and just over three feet wide, BlistMED requires a minimal footprint that is ideal for retail pharmacies.

Add the capacity to dispense over 200 oral solid medications, including partial tablets, and it becomes clear that efficiency is at the core of

BlistMED's design. With the ability to continuously fill up to 10 blister cards, packaging time is significantly reduced compared to manual processes. By automating the dispensing of partial tablets, BlistMED limits manual intervention, ensuring accurate and efficient packaging.

RFID-driven canisters are a standout feature of the system. They enable seamless swapping and refilling during operation, effectively reducing idle time and maximizing productivity. With these canisters, pharmacies can package blister cards with precision, speed, and enhanced fill accuracy, thereby improving patient safety and optimizing workflow. As a pharmacy's blister packaging volume increases, BlistMED offers the flexibility to scale up effortlessly. Additional canisters can be easily added as needed, ensuring that packaging capacity aligns with the pharmacy's growing business demands.

Patient safety is of utmost importance, and BlistMED addresses this critical aspect in multiple ways. RFID trays integrated into the system ensure that the right medications go to the right patients, minimizing the risk of medication errors. Auto-canisters allow for the packaging of the highest-use partial pills, reducing the chances of fill errors and enhancing patient safety. Lot and expiry tracking, along with a log of the packaging history, adds traceability and peace of mind.

With a single operator, pharmacies can achieve an impressive packaging rate of 25 to 30 cards per hour, leading to a substantial boost in efficiency and productivity. BlistMED also integrates Special Tablet System trays, which enable uninterrupted packaging flow of non-canister medication. Additionally, the easy-to-transport detachable magazines contribute to the overall workflow by ensuring a smooth and efficient packaging process.

As the demand for automated medication packaging solutions continues to rise, BlistMED is poised to become an essential solution for pharmacies looking to optimize their operations. By automating the labor-intensive process of packaging multi-dose blister cards, BlistMED revolutionizes medication packaging, enhancing efficiency, accuracy, and patient safety.

Ordering Information

McKesson Pharmacy Automation offers innovative pill counting and multi-dose blister packaging solutions that are must-have technology for today's retail pharmacy. Get started at www.mckesson.ca/assistline.