

Swisslog Healthcare set to launch the Unit Dose Blister TheraPick Medication Management Solution in the United Kingdom

The TheraPick from Swisslog Healthcare automates the packaging, storage, and dispensing of unit-dose medications in healthcare facilities. Cleveland Clinic London will be the first facility in the United Kingdom to install this innovative system.

BUCHS, Switzerland. (7 November 2019) – [Swisslog Healthcare](#), a global leading supplier of solutions for medication management in healthcare, announces the purchase of a TheraPick by Cleveland Clinic London. Swisslog Healthcare will supply, implement, and maintain the automated packaging and dispensing system.

Cleveland Clinic is one of the leading providers of specialised medical care in the world, focused on providing clinical excellence and superior patient outcomes and is currently building a hospital in Central London, opening in 2021.

The TheraPick will optimise the flow of medication handling to ensure high standards of patient safety are achieved. TheraPick portions blistered medications into Blister Unit Doses (BUD) and other forms of medication such as vials and ampoules into Unit-Dose (UD) bags. The BUD format preserves the integrity of the medication's primary packaging and eliminates any uncertainty surrounding expiration date and contamination.

The modular system eases medication administration for busy nursing staff by introducing safety measures directly into the process facilitating Bar Code Medicines Administration (BCMA) practices. TheraPick scales to meet the unique requirements of every facility.

Stephan Sonderegger, CEO of Swisslog Healthcare said:

"We are proud to introduce unit dose medication management in the United Kingdom. The TheraPick will deliver a high degree of patient safety, including medication traceability and intelligent dispensing technology. We are confident other institutions will, in turn, consider the TheraPick system as one that helps to lead change for better care."

Francine de Stoppelaar, Director of Pharmacy at Cleveland Clinic London said:

"This project is an important part of Cleveland Clinic London's ambition to create an environment that delivers world-class clinical care. Our goal is to provide patients with the highest levels of medication safety. The TheraPick will help us to further our aim to eliminate medication administration errors, unnecessary medication waste, contribute to medication cost reduction, and optimize the work of our Pharmacy and Nursing teams."

Unit Doses, produced by TheraPick, and BCMA, minimise the major cause of medication errors, the human factor. The system automates the entire administration process; the prescribed medication is delivered to hospital departments in labelled and barcoded unit doses. This ensures the nursing workflow becomes more efficient, to enable nurses to concentrate more on direct patient care. The amount of manual work required from the hospital pharmacy is also reduced, freeing up Pharmacy staff to concentrate on clinical tasks and patient counseling.

TheraPick is the ideal medication management solution in European and Asia Pacific markets, where hospitals are supplied with medications in blister form. TheraPick is currently installed in several hospitals in Switzerland, France and Singapore. Additional installations at hospitals in the Netherlands, Finland, Hong-Kong and Thailand are planned.

About Swisslog Healthcare

Swisslog Healthcare is a leading supplier of automation and software solutions for [material transport](#), [medication management](#) and [supply chain management](#) in healthcare facilities. Swisslog has installed facility-wide pharmacy automation systems in more than 3,000 hospitals worldwide. The company offers integrated solutions from a single source – from consulting to design, implementation to lifetime customer service.

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About Cleveland Clinic

Cleveland Clinic London opens in Spring 2021. It will have 185 inpatient beds; eight operating rooms; a full imaging suite; endoscopy and catheterization labs; day case rooms for surgery; and a full neurological suite with rehabilitation. The facility will offer a full range of medical services including specialty services focusing on heart and vascular, orthopaedics, digestive diseases, neurosciences and general surgery. Visit us at clevelandcliniclondon.uk.

Cleveland Clinic is a nonprofit multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. Located in Cleveland, Ohio, it was founded in 1921 by four renowned physicians with a vision of providing outstanding patient care based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and innovation. Cleveland Clinic has pioneered many medical breakthroughs, including coronary artery bypass surgery and the first face transplant in the United States. U.S. News & World Report consistently names Cleveland Clinic as one of the nation's best hospitals in its annual "America's Best Hospitals" survey. Among Cleveland Clinic's 66,000 employees are more than 4,200

salaried physicians and researchers and 16,600 nurses, representing 140 medical specialties and subspecialties. Cleveland Clinic's health system includes a 165-acre main campus near downtown Cleveland, 11 regional hospitals in northeast Ohio, more than 180 northern Ohio outpatient locations – including 18 full-service family health centers and three health and wellness centers – and locations in southeast Florida; Las Vegas, Nev.; Toronto, Canada; Abu Dhabi, UAE; and London, England. In 2018, there were 7.9 million total outpatient visits, 238,000 hospital admissions and observations, and 220,000 surgical cases throughout Cleveland Clinic's health system. Patients came for treatment from every state and 185 countries. Visit us at clevelandclinic.org. Follow us at twitter.com/CCforMedia and twitter.com/ClevelandClinic. News and resources available at newsroom.clevelandclinic.org.

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