

Dispensing System Introduced by Kirby Lester

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Kirby Lester LLC has introduced the KL30 automated dispensing and verification system, which the company calls a breakthrough in technology.

The KL30, sized and priced for any retail pharmacy or hospital outpatient pharmacy that processes from 100 to 1,000 prescriptions per day, is billed as a major advancement in saving time and cost in a pharmacy.

Surescripts In Middle of E-Prescribing

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Surescripts-RxHub, operator of the country's largest electronic prescribing network, has changed its name to Surescripts. The company is the result of a merger last year of RxHub with Surescripts.

To mark the name change, Surescripts (formed in 2001 by the NACDS and the National Community Pharmacists Association) launched an e-

For the first time, Kirby Lester uses drug-specific cassettes to fully automate the hands-free dispensing of a pharmacy's top 30 oral solid medications.

According to the company, all other medications can be poured into the funnel, as is done with other Kirby Lester counters.

The KL30 automates the dispensing of all oral solids with the combination cassette and pour-through methods. The 30 cassettes manage as many as 30% of the orders in a typical retail pharmacy, the company says, adding that the technology is priced at less than \$20,000.

Besides managing the dispensing of tablets, the KL30 automates the verification of 100% of all prescriptions, not just oral solids.

"The KL30 is exactly what our customers have been asking Kirby Lester to develop," says vice president of business development Christopher Thomsen. "We have combined the speed and convenience of full automation, the reliability of Kirby Lester's counting technology, and a price point that makes the KL30 an



Kirby Lester's KL30 system utilizes drug-specific cassettes.

affordable, fully automated system for pharmacies of any size.

"Automating the top 30 medications saves significant time without being overkill," he adds. "These are the medications that are dispensed over and over."

Separately, Kirby-Lester has named Manrex Ltd., as the exclusive Ca-

nadian distributor for its pharmacy technology. "We have appointed Manrex as a direct result of requests from Canadian pharmacies that wanted us to simplify our supply chain with a national distributor," explains Thomsen. "With more than 35 years of experience, Manrex' reputation is beyond compare."