



the costly waste associated with any 30-day system. Put simply, PAXIT makes med passes easier for staff and safer for residents.

“PAXIT was developed by nurses, for nurses,” said Chairman and CEO Jeffrey M. Stamps, R.Ph. “Nurses want to spend more time caring for residents. Fumbling through 15 cards for each resident to identify the correct medication is a waste of their precious time.”

A typical nurse handling medications spends five hours of an eight-hour shift passing meds, said Anke Frahn, RN, BSN, a regional nurse account manager with Remedi. By having just one day of medications neatly organized and presorted by resident, PAXIT reduces each two-hour pass by approximately 30 minutes.

### Efficient, Organized

Each resident’s medications are organized by med pass time with all the medications for that pass in a single PAXIT pouch labeled with the resident’s name, room number, and med pass time. For easy verification, the medications are labeled in the same order as the MAR.

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# Time is money

Save more of both with the right med pass system

**W**hen Clinical Support Partners began looking for a way to decrease pharmacy delays at its network of healthcare facilities, Chief Clinical Officer Ava Green, BSN, recognized the best solution right away.

The benefits of Remedi SeniorCare’s PAXIT® 24-hour, unit-dose medication management system over the traditional punch card-and-bottle system found on most med carts were so clear that she was essentially sold then and there.

“It just really struck me as the kind of system I would want to use,” recalled Green, who has since transitioned 16 of 24 buildings to PAXIT. “It’s a much more simple process.”

Remedi SeniorCare is a technology-enabled, full-service, senior care pharmacy licensed in 30 states. PAXIT, launched in 2009, is now used by more than 80,000 residents in more than 850 skilled nursing facilities and assisted living communities. To reduce medication waste and improve med pass efficiency, medications are packaged in a resident-specific

pouch presorted by administration time. The pouch is resealable, making it easy for the nurse to remove or hold a specific medication for a later administration. To assure the utmost in safety and accuracy, each pill is individually packaged in an easy-to-open, bar coded, unit-dose blister labeled with drug name and strength in large block lettering. PAXIT improves efficiency and reduces errors by promoting the use of a three-step check. It eliminates much of

bottles, PAXIT bags are easily identified and removed for administration,” Frahn said. PAXIT’s design features result in lighter med carts and promote an efficient med pass while providing the highest level of dispensing accuracy.

This adds up to a more satisfying med pass experience and enhanced customer service. Clinicians can devote the time they save to resident care, which should result in a better and safer resident experience.

### Two days at a time

PAXIT significantly reduces waste. With PAXIT, medications are delivered daily so communities and facilities have no more than a two-day supply on hand. Typically, skilled nursing facilities receive 30-day supplies for residents’ oral solid medications. However, if a dosage changes, a medication is discontinued or a patient is discharged, the medication has to be destroyed, or if the state allows, returned to the pharmacy for credit. Billing is retrospective so the facility only pays for what is actually dispensed during the month. Time is again saved by not having to document returns and reconcile invoices to ensure a credit is received.

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there is very little discarding of medication and no flushing or incinerating. That makes us an environmentally-conscious long-term care pharmacy choice.”

2017. Enlivant has since transitioned its communities in Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, Oklahoma, Florida, Louisiana and Wisconsin. In senior living, residents and their families

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### Serving an entire community

In an assisted living setting, many residents may still be paying for their own prescriptions. Responsive, daily delivery saves them money. If a resident has Medicare Part D, this keeps them from reaching the donut hole as swiftly. That was an important consideration for Enlivant Senior Living communities when it began piloting PAXIT in late

can choose their own medication management options. Enlivant Senior VP Cece Credille said the system is “so far superior” to others on the market opt-in is over 80% at most communities.

“What is very appealing about the system is that they look at an entire community and meet your needs,” Credille said. “The Remedi team is so easy to work with. They partnered with us at least

60 days out and came to our communities to work side-by-side with whomever is passing medications, whether they’re licensed staff or non-licensed.”

### Info gold mine

MyRemedi®, Remedi’s real-time customer portal is a data-rich resource that can help leaders monitor their antibiotic stewardship, track the use of antipsychotics and track the cost of medications by facility or region. Staff at Grace Healthcare facilities, who are managed by Clinical Support Partners, have used MyRemedi data to create and execute a QAPI initiative tied to med passes.

“MyRemedi has many beneficial resources and reports, such as the drug price quote, educational materials and drug education for skilled nursing patients being discharged to home, account management and consultant pharmacist reports, and more,” Frahn said.

“Resident profile and medication utilization data is easily accessible. This eliminates phone calls back and forth with the pharmacy, saving our customers time so they can focus on their residents.” ■

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