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JOHNSON DRUG AT ARMC INSTALLS ATM-STYLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPENSER:

Offers patients unprecedented new level of care and convenience

(Amery, WI) – Johnson Drug at ARMC, located in Amery Regional Medical Center, today announced it has begun offering InstyMeds, a fully automated ATM-style machine that dispenses prescription medications directly to patients immediately following their doctor visit. The system, the first of its kind, offers a safe, convenient way for patients to receive their prescription medications on-site.

“This new system allows patients to get their urgent care and emergency prescriptions filled after clinic hours, when local pharmacies are closed. They can now have those prescriptions filled at the medical center” says Julie Hanlon-Johnson, managing pharmacist. “InstyMeds helps them get back on the road to recovery as soon as possible.”

The InstyMeds system automates the entire process from the prescriber issuing the prescription, to the patient obtaining their medications, and payment collection. The patient can obtain their medications and be on their way in about the same time it takes them to use their bank ATM.

How it works. The medical provider enters a prescription electronically and gives patients an order with a unique security code. Using the touch-screen of the InstyMeds dispenser, the patient enters the unique security code and their date of birth. The patient then swipes a debit or credit card to pay for the prescription. After the machine performs a triple bar code safety check, the pre-packaged, labeled product is dispensed from the machine to the patient. The entire process takes a couple of minutes. A phone on the dispenser directly connects patients to the 24-hour InstyMeds Call Center if they have questions concerning their prescription or insurance.

Patient Compliance: Studies show that between 20 and 30 percent of prescriptions that doctors write go unfilled. The added convenience of the InstyMeds system increases the likelihood that the patient will fill their prescription and undergo the medication treatment plan.

About Amery Regional Medical Center

Dedicated to providing quality healthcare since 1956, ARMC's focus is to offer patients more – more services, more comfort, more privacy. Newly built in 2007, the Medical Center is a place of solace; a healing, caring environment with rain gardens, a green roof, and a community walking path along the Apple River. From Family Practice to Surgery to Specialty Care, ARMC offers a large variety of healthcare services along with cutting-edge technology, like in-house MRI's, PET/CT scans, and digital mammography. Amery Regional Medical Center Emergency Services is open 24 hours day, seven days a week. Urgent Care is available seven days a week with hours Monday through Friday from 9AM to 7:30PM and 8AM to 1:30PM on Saturday and Sunday. Clinic Hours are 9AM to 5PM Monday through Friday.

About InstyMeds

InstyMeds provides the only fully automated, ATM-style dispensing system for outpatient acute prescription medication services. With over one million prescriptions dispensed, InstyMeds' mission is to make patients better, quicker, by providing immediate access to acute prescription medications. For more information, call 1-866-467-8963 or visit www.instymeds.com.

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