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EXCELSIOR MEDICAL FILLS THE GAP IN PREFILLED HEPARIN LOCK
CATHETER FLUSH SYRINGES

Neptune, NJ, 21 Nov, 2007: Excelsior Medical Corporation announces the introduction of their new ZR™ 1 unit/mL and 2 unit/mL prefilled heparin lock catheter syringes. Nearly every patient who is hospitalized has a catheter in place for the administration of IV fluids or medications. It is a well-established practice to flush catheters regularly in order to keep them open, or free flowing. The flush solution utilized is typically normal saline (0.9% NaCl) or a diluted heparin solution of 10 or 100 Units per milliliter. Until now, the lowest concentration of heparin flush available in a prefilled syringe that is also terminally sterilized was 10 Units per mL.

According to Tony Saia, Director of Global Marketing, “healthcare professionals have been asking for a prefilled catheter flush syringe with a lower concentration of heparin for those patients whose catheter would occlude using only saline, but don’t need the higher concentration of heparin. Excelsior’s new ZR 1 Unit/mL and 2 Units/mL prefilled heparin catheter lock syringes fills this gap.” In addition to a heparin line extension, Excelsior is also introducing their ZR syringe platform. Mr. Saia states “the Excelsior ZR prefilled flush syringe family contains design technology that will play a pivotal role in improving catheter care. Catheter occlusion by syringe-generated reflux is one of several complications that occur during long term catheter use, and we are excited about the prospects of providing clinicians with products and insight into truly addressing this problem.”

Excelsior Medical is introducing the new prefilled syringes at the American Society for Health-System Pharmacists (www.ASHP.org) annual meeting. For more information contact Excelsior at 800-487-4276 or at booth 1224 at the ASHP meeting.

Excelsior Medical Corporation is a leading manufacturer of pre-filled catheter flush syringes and syringe pump systems. Formed in 1989, Excelsior manufactures, markets, and sells pre-filled saline flush syringes, pre-filled heparin flush and lock syringes, and syringe pump systems to customers in the United States and internationally. Excelsior Medical Corporation is a privately-held company whose main focus is the development of innovative Catheter Maintenance Products that reduce infection, medication errors and healthcare costs. For more information, please visit www.excelsiormedical.com

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