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Valley Forge, PA - November 23, 2004 AmerisourceBergen Technology Group today announced that University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics has signed an agreement to install the Bridge-MedPoint point of care patient safety system. The Bridge-MedPoint system will help UI Hospitals and Clinics address the growing pressures of industry and payer organizations to eliminate preventable medical errors, thereby reducing the cost of care and improving patient outcomes. The Bridge-MedPoint system will also help UI Hospitals and Clinics identify root causes of systemic errors and provide information to drive process improvement.

"UI Hospitals and Clinics had a number of special needs in order to make the product fit the already existing automation. As we stepped through each challenge, AmerisourceBergen Technology Group staff helped develop creative options to meet our needs without compromising the safeguards that the product brings us," said Kristy Walker, Associate Director of Clinical Information systems, UI Hospitals and Clinics. "We are confident this implementation will succeed." "UI Hospitals and Clinics and AmerisourceBergen Technology Group have a common goal of improving healthcare delivery and providing clinicians tools that assist in reducing errors. We are excited about the opportunity to implement Bridge-MedPoint at UI Hospitals and Clinics, given their long history of innovation and leadership in nursing and pharmacy practice." said Denean Rivera, President, of AmerisourceBergen Technology Group's Bridge Medical product line. Bridge-MedPoint is a suite of cost-effective solutions designed to assist hospital staff in improving patient safety at the bedside and providing meaningful information for process improvement. Bridge-MedPoint uses bar-code technology and point-of-care computing devices to verify the five rights, alert nurses to look-alike and sound-alike medications, as well as high-risk medications, provide age and weight-based dosing parameters for sensitive pediatric and geriatric patients, offer medication allergy checks and to check many other essential clinical rules. In addition, Bridge-MedPoint capabilities integrate well with nursing operations to enhance the nursing experience with the patient.

#### About The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics is an 763-bed facility in Iowa City. It is a Magnet Award hospital averaging 26,000 acute care inpatients annually. UI Hospitals and Clinics was recognized as one of U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals of 2004.

#### About AmerisourceBergen

AmerisourceBergen, (NYSE:ABC) is the largest pharmaceutical services company in the United States dedicated solely to the pharmaceutical supply chain. It is the leading distributor of pharmaceutical products and services to the hospital systems/acute care market, physician's offices, alternate care and mail order facilities, independent community pharmacies, and regional chain pharmacies. Through its AmerisourceBergen Technology Group, the company is a leading provider of point-of-care patient safety solutions and has been honored for its educational initiatives and patient safety solutions. With more than \$48 billion in annualized operating revenue, AmerisourceBergen is headquartered in Valley Forge, PA, and employs more than 14,000 people. AmerisourceBergen is ranked #22 on the Fortune 500 list. For more information, go to [www.amerisourcebergen.com](http://www.amerisourcebergen.com).

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