

Bergen Brunswig Announces Online Enhancements At ASHP

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Orange, CA - June 4, 2001 - Bergen Brunswig Drug Company (BBDC), a subsidiary of Bergen Brunswig Corporation (NYSE: BBC), will demonstrate several exciting new products and features within its Internet-based applications at the annual meeting of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) to be held in Los Angeles, California, June 3 through 6.

Live demonstrations of the extensive capabilities of iBergen, the industry's premier web portal, will be conducted every hour. Developed to leverage Bergen's experience and advanced technological capacities, iBergen is the gateway to BBDC's wealth of web-based products and services, company and industry news, pertinent business information and BBDC public and private professional services. iBergen, as the touch point for all customer-related activities for the Drug Company, delivers a range of comprehensive and cost effective business management solutions that improve productivity and operational efficiencies for our pharmacy customers.

iBergen has a new look and feel with added features such as a dynamic news feed and stock ticker symbol look-up capability. Users can create industry-specific topic groups matching personal and professional interests to get the latest news on companies or other topics.

The Catalog & Order Entry (COE) application continues to add new features. This real-time online system now includes a Report section, which provides 30 days of invoice confirmations and a month-to-date purchase report, a "Date Last Purchased" field showing customers when an item was last ordered from Bergen, and 24 months of purchase history and average monthly usage for each item. Additional features and add-on modules are now available to electronically aid in the physical inventory process as well as to track and manage interdepartmental billing transactions or product issues and credits.

In addition, Bergen is announcing iScan™, a revolutionary product that optimizes the supply chain by providing efficiencies in accuracy and productivity. Although iScan currently provides precise order receiving, it is designed as a closed-loop system. iScan's expanding capabilities will include ordering and inventory management.

Doug Swanson, President, Health Systems at BBDC, reports that iBergen has enrolled over 2,000 subscribers since its initial launch. "Our customers are more than enthusiastic about the variety of features and ease of use of the portal, which increases their effectiveness and efficiency. We're gratified with the positive response to our newest offering, demonstrating once again Bergen's commitment to advancing pharmacy technology."

Bergen Brunswig Corporation, headquartered in Orange County, California, is a leading supplier of pharmaceuticals and specialty healthcare products, as well as information management solutions and consulting services. Bergen's customers include the nation's healthcare providers (hospitals, nursing homes and physicians), drug stores, manufacturers and patients. Through its subsidiaries, Bergen provides product distribution, logistics, pharmacy management programs, and Internet fulfillment strategies designed to reduce costs and improve patient outcomes across the entire healthcare spectrum.

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