

The Identification Systems Group (ISG) & PDC Healthcare Extend Agreement

PDC Healthcare and the ISG extend their contract to provide hospitals with turnkey solutions for positive patient identification

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PDC Healthcare, the global leader of innovative identification solutions, in partnership with Identification Systems Group (ISG), the nationwide network of local experts in identification, security and patient identification, have extended their contract to offer hospitals an effortless conversion from a human-readable patient ID system to a machine-readable bar coding system, providing a complete solution for printing patient identification that includes products, installation, training and support.

The ISG and PDC Healthcare's long-standing partnership of six years has assisted hundreds of hospitals to implement automated identification systems to increase patient safety and workflow efficiencies. ISG specializes in matching hospitals with the ideal software, hardware and products that best meet their unique needs to seamlessly integrate a turnkey bar coding solution. As the bar code media experts, PDC Healthcare produces the industry-leading wristband and label media with unmatched printing performance, scan rates, comfort, and durability.

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Using a bar code system as part of their electronic medication administration record (eMAR) system helps hospitals meet stage 2 meaningful use requirements established by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for Electronic Tracking of Medications. PDC Healthcare's bar code wristbands and labels also meet the Joint Commission's number one National Patient Safety Goal to "Identify Patients Correctly." It also meets requirements of HIPAA for the protection of patient privacy, and the AHA to reduce the risk of lost or transferred data.

“This year is PDC Healthcare’s 30th anniversary since we invented and introduced the first bar code patient identification wristband,” said Tracey Carpentier, PDC Healthcare president. “In keeping with our history of innovation, PDC Healthcare continues to lead the way in developing next-generation automated identification solutions.”

About PDC Healthcare

With more than 55 years of experience, PDC Healthcare connects people, products, and technology worldwide through innovative identification systems for the safe and efficient management of patients and procedures. PDC Healthcare is the result of the merger between two industry leaders and pioneers in healthcare: Precision Dynamics Corporation (PDC) and The St. John Companies Inc.

PDC Healthcare is the global leader and pacesetter in the development of wristband, label, medical records, and imaging systems. An originator of innovative technologies, the company introduced the first single-piece patient wristband, first bar code wristband system, first thermal printer wristband, first Smart Band® RFID wristband system, and the award-winning PDC Smart® Kiosk, among many other innovations.

PDC Healthcare products are used in leading hospitals worldwide and comprise a comprehensive range of solutions that provide positive ID and positive clinical outcomes, while meeting important guidelines of The Joint Commission, World Healthcare Organization, FDA, AHA, and HIPAA. Complying with ISO 9001 standards, PDC Healthcare follows a systematic, world-standard approach to ensure superior product design, manufacturing, and customer support services. For more information, visit www.pdcorp.com or www.pdchealthcare.com.

About the ISG

The Identification Systems Group (ISG) is a nationwide network of local identification card system integrators, providing high quality, cost-effective solutions backed by the local support and strength of its Professional Services Certification program. Each company works together to provide seamless nationwide support in the USA and Canada. For more information, please visit www.identificationsystemsgroup.com.

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