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## Industry News

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### McKesson's Community Days

On April 20th McKesson Corporation kicked off its 11th annual Community Days corporate citizenship program. McKesson's Community Days is an annual event during which thousands of McKesson employees at sites across the country come together to participate in large group volunteer projects benefiting the local communities where they live and work. This year more than 14,000 McKesson Community Days volunteers at hundreds of McKesson sites came together to

create care packages for hospitalized veterans at Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers. In conjunction with National Volunteer Week, McKesson Community Days volunteers assembled tote bags that contained some of hospitalized veterans' most requested items, including a fleece blanket, personal care items, and a handwritten note of thanks for their service to the country. "As a veteran myself, this cause is especially close to my heart, and McKesson's support of our country's veterans makes me extremely

proud," said John Figueroa, former US army captain and current president of McKesson's US pharmaceutical business. "Underscoring our commitment to improve the health of the healthcare system and help those in need, McKesson employees from more than 130 offices across the country donated their time to make the lives of our honorable veterans a little more comfortable." VA hospitals serve approximately 5.5 million veterans each year. ■

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### American Health Packaging Launches Pantoprazole Sodium DR Tablets

American Health Packaging recently launched pantoprazole sodium DR tablets to their growing unit-dose product line. Pantoprazole sodium compares to *Protonix* and is used for gastroesophageal reflux disease.

This item is exclusive to American Health Packaging in a unit-dose format, and it is one of the mostly commonly dispensed medications in hospitals.

This line now stands at over 240 items, and more than 65 of

them are industry exclusives. These unit-dose launches are part of an ongoing commitment to supporting health systems' vital patient safety and bar-coding initiatives. All American Health Packaging unit-dose items are bar coded to the dose level and stability tested to support extended shelf life. Look for more launches to come soon.

### About American Health Packaging

Located in Columbus, Ohio, American Health Packaging has been in business for nearly 20 years. Their products support the bedside point-of-care and operat-

ing efficiency initiatives of health systems customers. Bar coded to the dose level, the unit-dose line has grown substantially in recent years, with more launches planned throughout 2009 and 2010. Many of their products are industry exclusives available only from American Health Packaging. They are commonly awarded to group purchasing organizations and are distributed by the major wholesalers.

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