Contained Medication System Now Keeping Hospitals Compliant With Latest Legislation

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BETHLEHEM, Pa., Aug. 9, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- In its efforts to further advance best practices with the continuous improvement of safety, B. Braun Medical Inc. (B. Braun) announced today that its OnGuard™ Contained Medication System can help increase institution and new legislation compliance regarding the protection of healthcare workers from exposure to hazardous drugs.

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Senate Bill 5594 has recently directed The Washington State Department of Labor & Industries to adopt requirements for the handling of hazardous drugs in protecting healthcare workers from occupational drug exposure. Rules focused on *proper ventilation*, *protective equipment,* and *safe handling practices* have been addressed in detail. Amid many reports nationally on the adverse health effects of occupational hazardous drug exposure, Washington is the first state in the nation to require such protection for its workers.

Studies have shown certain drugs, such as chemotherapy agents, can be associated with a variety of both short-term and long-term health effects.(1) OnGuard is a next-generation closed system drug-transfer device. The innovative drug admixture and delivery system meets The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and USP <797> safety guidelines and provides a new level of hazard protection for pharmacists and nurses on the frontline of chemotherapy preparation and administration.

"When you're preparing chemo every day and there is the looming threat of exposure to hazardous vapors, protecting your personal safety is of the utmost importance," said Chris Mangen of the Lucy Curci Cancer Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif. "The OnGuard system is easy-to-use and safe, helping eliminate the risks associated with typical chemo preparation."

Prior to Bill 5594, ASHP, NI
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