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America's First Pharmacy Gets Robotic Hand in Dispensing 167-Year-Old Apothecary Receives Parata's 1000th Unit

DURHAM, N.C. (Sept. 27, 2005) – CO Bigelow, the oldest apothecary in America, attributes its staying power to an old-fashioned ideal of helping people; an ideal owner Ian Ginsberg says will be enhanced when the pharmacy installs a robot today to automate most of its prescription-filling.

"Everyone remembers being dragged as a kid to show the pharmacist that rash or scrape," Ginsberg, himself a registered pharmacist, says. "That's our view of old-fashioned. At Bigelow you can't even get a bottle of Tylenol without talking to the pharmacist because we want to engage you and talk about your health needs."

According to Ginsberg one way CO Bigelow preserves that experience is by staying at the edge of technology. "When I came across Parata RDS, I felt it struck the balance I needed for being small and simple to operate and maintain, while offering the productivity to free our staff to do more of what we do best; take care of people."

Parata RDS (Robotic Dispensing System) handles 60-65 percent of a pharmacy's total prescription volume with a high-speed, high-accuracy process that selects and labels a vial, counts, caps and sorts by patient last name in about 20 seconds, to process an average 154 scripts/hour with 100 percent right drug/right vial accuracy and 99.95 percent counting accuracy.

"Parata's high productivity, and the confidence of knowing its scripts are highly accurate provides great relief to pharmacists, particularly in busy pharmacies like CO Bigelow," Pete Klein, Parata cofounder and vice president Industry and Customer Relations, says. "The fact that America's oldest pharmacy chose Parata RDS, and marked our 1000th unit shipped, just the two years since we began production, further validate that the compact size, high-speed and high-accuracy of Parata RDS answered previously unmet requirements in the marketplace."



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About Parata Systems

Parata Systems brings the power of robotic prescription dispensing to all retail pharmacies. Founded in 2001, Parata's flagship Parata RDS (Robotic Dispensing System) fills a prescription in just 20 seconds, a cycle time that includes selecting and labeling a vial, filling, capping and sorting by patient last name. At just 12 square feet the sleek, compact machine is an easy fit in any pharmacy, occupying the space of a single shelving unit. Parata Systems is based in Durham, N.C. Call, click or visit Parata Systems, www.parata.com, info@parata.com, 1-888-PARATA1 (888-727-2821).

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