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NuCare™ Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Introduces Pre-Filled Pharmaceutical Bottles

ER Packs™ promise to save hospitals time, money and are now available for Schedule II drugs.

ORANGE, Calif., Feb. 02, 2005 – Understaffing and heavy workloads are constant problems for hospital pharmacies around the country, and the situation is not likely to improve soon: According to a 2002 report by the University of California San Francisco's Center for the Health Professions, pharmacy staffing is not predicted to meet demand for another twenty years.

For Douglas Ginter, president of NuCare™ Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (www.nucarerx.com), a fully licensed FDA and DEA drug manufacturer, that was a tough pill to swallow. "In the fast-paced hospital setting, the pharmacist is already doing more work and with less staff," he explained. "That's the last thing anybody wants. We knew there had to be a way to make dispensing medication easier, quicker and safer."

And there was. NuCare today introduced the ER Pack™, a pre-filled pharmaceutical bottle made specifically for hospital ER departments.

Sized smaller than traditional pharmaceutical bottles so pharmacies can fit more in dispensing cabinets or robotic dispensing machines. The ER Pack allows pharmacists to order their most common prescription refills in convenient pre-packs. The bottles feature NuCare's proprietary EZ-PEEL™ labels for charting and dispensing logs and are color-coded by drug class. Hundreds of Schedule and non-Schedule drugs in different formularies are currently available in ER Packs.

The ER Packs, which are sealed, child resistant and bar-coded to meet federal requirements, are assembled in NuCare's state-of-the-art pharmaceutical repackaging facility. NuCare is one of the few U.S. repackagers with the capability to safely handle the packaging of antibiotic products. NuCare has been providing thousands of custom formularies to VA Centers, the military, and hundreds of hospitals and clinics around the country.

"Our ER Packs are a huge time-saving convenience for understaffed, busy pharmacies," Ginter stated. "Now, instead of having to pre-fill and label hundreds of Vicodin®, for example, with six pills to a bottle, pharmacists can purchase directly from NuCare, freeing up their time for better patient care and eliminating errors and tedious work. Especially popular is our Schedule II products. Purchasing controlled medication for immediate dispensing reduces loss and provide better control for the pharmacist. And thanks to our EZ-PEEL label system, a doctor can realistically dispense and record the information in less than fifteen seconds."

ABOUT NUCARE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Headquartered in Orange, California, NuCare uses cutting-edge technology to prepackage pharmaceutical products for physician offices, hospitals and pharmacies. The company also plans to offer strip packs in the near future.

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