

PRxN[®] Embraces Automation



Pequot Pharmaceutical Network (PRxN[®]), a leading pharmacy benefit management (PBM) and mail-service pharmacy company, a wholly-owned entity of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, is pleased to announce that PRxN[®], located in southeastern Connecticut, is the first institutional pharmacy in the nation to install the latest technology for automating dispensing. Since 1999, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and PRxN[®] have embraced dispensing automation for providing quality pharmacy services to our patients. PRxN[®]'s continued focus on technology is illustrated by the installation of the Parata[®] Max[™] dispensing "robot", equipping PRxN[®] to process more prescriptions with increased efficiency and accuracy.



"This technology is an investment of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation in the future of our pharmacy, and reflects the Tribe's strong commitment to our patients' health and safety," Ed Moldenhauer, MS, RPh, PRxN[®] Director of Pharmacy Operations says.

Parata[®] Max[™] fully automates the dispensing of oral pills, tablets, capsules, that are typically about 70 percent of a pharmacy's prescriptions. Max[™] selects and labels a vial, counts the right number of the right medication and strength, caps the vial and sorts the finished prescription by patient name, all in a matter of seconds. By comparison, it typically takes several minutes for an employee to complete the same steps by hand.

"At PRxN[®], we built our business on providing timely, personalized service and the highest quality of patient care, but like many pharmacies, we have more people taking more medications than ever before. This technology helps us work smarter, not just harder, and keeps us providing the best care to our patients," Moldenhauer adds.

"The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and PRxN[®]'s investment in Parata[®] Max[™] is a great example of leveraging technology to do what it does best – perform repetitive tasks quickly and accurately – so that our people can do what they do best – assist patients with their medication needs."

"Just 10 years ago, pharmacies filled half as many prescriptions as today; more than 4 billion prescriptions were dispensed in 2007. As pharmacies grapple with this increased demand, one way consumers can take a more active role in ensuring their prescription safety is to peek behind the counter and see if the pharmacy uses dispensing technology like that being employed by PRxN[®]," said Tom Rhoads, executive vice president of customer and market strategies for Parata[®]. "Parata[®] Max[™] is next-generation technology that automates dispensing with 100 percent accuracy for drug and dose, and even counts pills far more accurately than manual counting."