

B. Braun Captures Gold Design Award For PINNACLE™ Compounding System That Improves Patient Safety

Third Award in Six Years for Healthcare Products Company

Bethlehem, PA (June 13, 2007) - B. Braun Medical Inc. (www.bbraunusa.com), a global leader in innovative healthcare products and services, has won a 2007 Gold Medical Device Excellence Award (MDEA) for its PINNACLE™ TPN Management System, a medical device that improves patient safety and compounding efficiency when pharmacies compound intravenous (IV) formulations.

The MDEA is one of the medical device industry's most prestigious design awards. The 2007 award marks the third time in six years that B. Braun has been honored in the prestigious national competition.

B. Braun's PINNACLE TPN Management System represents a major advance in compounding technology. Used for pharmacy admixture, The PINNACLE system controls the precise, individualized creation of IV formulations using dextrose, amino acids, electrolytes and lipids for patients unable to tolerate oral intake of nutrients or who rely on tube feeding for sustenance. The built-in safety check software and barcoding features help ensure that the right nutrition solution reaches the right patient.

B. Braun won a 2002 Gold MDEA for the DUPLEX® Drug Delivery System, a multi-compartment, plastic IV container that simplifies mixing of diluent and drug powder through an ingenious set of breakable seals that significantly reduce potential for medication errors and help optimize drug potency. And it garnered a 2003 Silver MDEA for the revolutionary Introcan Safety® IV Catheter, a passive safety device, which automatically engages a safety clip to cover the needlepoint and help prevent inadvertent needlesticks.

About MDEA

The Medical Design Excellence Awards competition is organized and presented by Canon Communications LLC, Los Angeles, and is the only awards program that exclusively recognizes contributions and advances in the design of medical products. Entries are evaluated on their design and engineering features, including innovative use of materials, user-related functions that improve healthcare delivery and change traditional medical attitudes or practices, features that provide enhanced benefits to the patient, and the ability of the product development team to overcome design and engineering challenges so that the product meets its clinical objectives. A comprehensive review of the entries was performed by an impartial, multidisciplinary panel of third-party jurors with expertise in biomedical engineering, human factors, industrial design, medicine, and diagnostics.

About B. Braun

Since its founding in 1839, B. Braun has built an unparalleled store of knowledge and expertise in delivering innovative healthcare products, medical devices and programs that enhance working processes in hospitals, alternate care settings and medical practices-increasing safety for patients, doctors and nurses. Its 33,000 employees worldwide are proud of their commitment to translating customer needs into products with unmatched quality, superior technology, cost-effectiveness and environmental responsibility.

Through its "Sharing Expertise®" initiative, B. Braun promotes best practices for continuous improvement of healthcare products and services. For more information about B. Braun or its safety healthcare products, call 800-854-6851, email us at inquiry@bbraun.com or visit B. Braun at www.bbraunusa.com.