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**BCE PHARMA, BD AND OMNITECH INNOVATIONS ANNOUNCE
STRATEGIC COLLABORATION TO PROVIDE AN END-TO-END
COMPOUNDING STERILE PREPARATION SOLUTION FOR CANADIAN
PHARMACIES**

Mississauga, Ontario, April 2, 2019 – BCE Pharma, BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) and Omnitech Innovations announce a collaboration to offer an end-to-end compounding sterile preparation solution in Canada.

Given that compliance to National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) for Canadian pharmacies remains a top challenge, this solution will help pharmacies comply with end-to-end compounding sterile preparations (CSP), non-hazardous drugs and hazardous drugs.

“Pharmacies will now have the opportunity to rely on the combined expertise of three industry leaders to attain the highest standards of practice for their personnel and the highest level of quality for their compounded sterile preparations, while ensuring the safety of their personnel and their patients,” said François Cauchon, president and CEO of BCE Pharma.

“With the increasingly high pressure to comply with the current Canadian standards, health organizations are looking for comprehensive and innovative solutions that will address all aspects of the quality assurance program required by NAPRA,” adds François. “Through this new co-marketing collaboration, they will now have access to exactly that.”

BCE Pharma offers complete NAPRA-compliant Policies and Procedures for the compounding sterile preparation sector, up to 25 hours of Canadian

Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy (CCCEP) accredited NAPRA-compliant interactive training video content and an on-site, train-the-trainer certification program for personnel in charge of sterile compounding and housekeeping staff.

This co-market agreement comes at a critical time as hospital pharmacies across Canada are actively seeking solutions to help them comply with NAPRA guidelines. The BD Pyxis™ IV Prep, with gravimetric technology-based workflow assistance, and the BD PhaSeal™ Closed System Transfer Device (CSTD) support alignment to NAPRA standards.

“The combined offering provided by our three companies creates a comprehensive solution for our customers in the sterile preparation realm, that is also NAPRA-compliant,” said Jillian Flower, vice president, Medication Management Solutions at BD – Canada. “This results in an end-to-end IV offering, from production through to administration, and it prioritizes both patient safety and health care worker safety.”

The BD Pyxis™ IV Prep features a software system developed to advance the process of IV compounding. With its real-time gravimetric and barcode verification — in tandem with a step-by-step guidance system and hard stops — the BD Pyxis IV Prep software is designed to minimize errors, while providing streamlined and efficient workflow. The Inventory optimization feature of the product enables the pharmacy to reduce drug waste, while the documentation and analytics features help the pharmacy to comply to NAPRA standards.^{i ii}

“We, at Omnitech Innovations, are enthusiastic to work in collaboration with BD and BCE Pharma,” said Sebastien St-Jean, CEO of Omnitech Innovations. “Through this relationship, the Omni-Assistant Software will help more Canadian pharmacies to further improve their quality assurance program.”

The Omni-Assistant software offers the most comprehensive Pharmacy Sterile Compounding Quality Management Solution available. With it, pharmacies can be NAPRA-compliant in just a few weeks, as the solution handles all standard requirements: Personnel: Training and competency assessments; Policies & Procedures; Compliance with documented procedures; Facilities & Equipment; Minimum maintenance requirements; General Maintenance Logs: Document all records of maintenance; and Quality Assurance Program: Verification of all activities.

About BCE Pharma

BCE Pharma is the Canadian leader in sterile compounding. BCE Pharma's multidisciplinary team of expert consultants (pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and microbiologists) thoroughly builds, reviews, and adapts content to NAPRA standards of practice.

About BD

BD is one of the largest global medical technology companies in the world and is advancing the world of health by improving medical discovery, diagnostics and the delivery of care. The company supports the heroes on the frontlines of health care by developing innovative technology, services and solutions that help advance both clinical therapy for patients and clinical process for health care providers. BD and its 65,000 employees have a passion and commitment to help enhance the safety and efficiency of clinicians' care delivery process, enable laboratory scientists to accurately detect disease and advance researchers' capabilities to develop the next generation of diagnostics and therapeutics. BD has a presence in virtually every country and partners with organizations around the world to address some of the most challenging global health issues. By working in close collaboration with customers, BD can help enhance outcomes, lower costs, increase efficiencies, improve safety and expand access to health care. In 2017, BD welcomed C. R. Bard and its products into the BD family. For more information on BD, please visit bd.com.

About Omnitech Innovations

Omnitech Innovations provides highly specialized cloud-based software solutions, designed and developed to enhance the compliance and quality of clinical departments, such as: laboratories, pharmacies and diagnostic imaging. Throughout North America, the Omni-Assistant software is the ultimate quality management software for clinical departments. Trust and security are at the core of any cloud-based platform today. At Omnitech Innovations, security and trust are part of our core beliefs and as such we have adopted ISO 27001 Information Security Management System (ISMS), the premier ISMS global standard. We are continuously assessing risk, improving security, confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our teams and our systems. Our software solutions are hosted on proprietary

equipment located at Canadian ISO 27001 certified data centers. The Omni-Assistant software is trusted by US and Canadian federal agencies.

Omnitech Innovations markets its software solutions to Healthcare under two banners: OI-Santé (www.oi-sante.net) and Omnitech Health (www.OmnitechHealth.net)

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