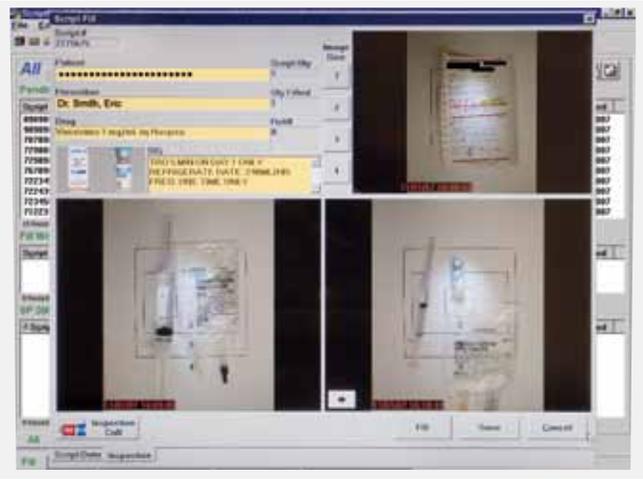


Telepharmacy for Sterile Room—Saves Valuable Pharmacist Time



Pharmacy technicians work inside the sterile room.



Screen view of syringe, prepared medication, and prescription label images.

The University Medical Center of Southern Nevada built a new USP 797 compliant clean room in 2009. The room was designed with four hoods for technicians to compound the sterile medications and one anteroom for the pharmacist to check and verify the medications. Using ScriptPro's Telepharmacy for Sterile Room Medication Preparation (SRMP), one pharmacist is able to check all four technicians from outside the clean room.

The area was designed using ScriptPro's telepharmacy technology in order to save the most valuable resource: the pharmacists' time. According to Mary Staples, Assistant Director of Pharmaceutical Services, "The pharmacists' time is very valuable. Using SRMP saves so much time and money because the pharmacist performs verification on the admixtures in all four hoods from outside the clean room. This eliminates the need to gown up and enter the rooms each time the pharmacist verifies the drugs in the admixture prior to compounding."

University Medical Center of Southern Nevada

Customer Since 2010

Pharmacy Type: Hospital - Clean Room

Prescription Volume: 250 per day

System: Telepharmacy for Sterile Room Medication Preparation

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Another important benefit of SRMP is the security, says Mary. "The ScriptPro system allows the pharmacy technician to take photos of the syringe with the exact amount of medication for the admixture, as well as the patient label and the drug label with lot and expiration date. We no longer have to guess whose initials are on the label. We know who filled the prescription order by the PIN code. The pictures are saved with the patient file and can be easily referenced if needed. The pictures are invaluable in the event of a recall of a specific drug lot because we have that data."

The system offers benefits to the technicians as well. When the technician uses the barrier isolator hood, he or she operates a foot pedal to capture the pictures. The foot pedal eliminates the need to pull his or her hand out of the glove to touch the screen, which can be frustrating and slows down the process.

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