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Asteres Inc. Announces the Official Launch of ScriptCenter to Retail Pharmacy

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SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 30, 2004--Asteres Inc., the industry's first provider of automated finished prescription pick-up machines, announced today the official launch of ScriptCenter(TM), a specialized system that meets the unique will call management needs of retail pharmacies. Asteres also announced that in the State of California, ScriptCenter can be used for refills not requiring pharmacist consultation during open hours and when the pharmacy is closed.

Waiting in line at the pharmacy is a growing problem as the number of prescriptions filled escalates and the pharmacist shortage continues. ScriptCenter gives customers a self service option to pick up their prescriptions by using this "ATM" like machine. ScriptCenter offers the ability for retail pharmacies to extend their prescription pick up hours without the fully burdened cost of keeping the pharmacy open. Pharmacy staff can work with customers to determine whether they need consultation with each visit, or if the convenience of ScriptCenter is right for them.

"ScriptCenter helps address the growing pressure on retail pharmacy to increase customer safety and service levels," said Al Waterhouse, Asteres president and CEO. "ScriptCenter increases pharmacy operational efficiencies and prescription pick up accountability while decreasing customer wait times. Asteres has developed a truly customized system that will change the way consumers pick up their prescriptions."

"Asteres is the originator of self service prescription pick-up and has brought back a team of people expert in developing and servicing medication dispensing technologies," said Linda Pinney, Asteres' founder and chief business officer. "From design and manufacturing to sales and support, the Asteres team is known for building customer driven companies that redefine customer service."

ScriptCenter has undergone extensive customer testing with IBM 4690 POS and pharmacy system interfaces and is now ready for installation. Asteres ScriptCenter is making its public debut at the NACDS Pharmacy and Technology Conference in San Diego in August.

About Asteres Inc.

Asteres Inc. (<http://www.asteres.com/>) designs and develops merchandise storage and self-checkout machines. Asteres is the industry's first developer and provider of automated finished prescription pick-up machines for the retail pharmacy market.

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