New batch syringe filler from Baxa Corporation takes a manual system and automates it, helping eliminate touch contamination.

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Englewood, CO (PRWEB) June 23, 2003 -- Baxa Corporation announced today the launch of the Rapid-Fill Automated Filling System (ASF). Designed for speed and accuracy, the Rapid-Fill ASF automates the process of sterile syringe filling, capping and labeling in a pharmacy hood. The Rapid-Fill was designed to meet a market need of 360 million small volume parental doses administered each year in the US.

"The Rapid-Fill Automated Syringe Filler eliminates the risk of touch contamination in the filling process," says Market Manager Mark Thrasher, "while reducing waste through utilization of all of the drug in source containers. And, its integrated disposable combines the syringe, cap and label in a single unit, facilitating the process while minimizing raw material inventories." Accurate to within (0.2 mL, the Rapid-Fill ASF is a safe and cost-effective alternative to minibags and pre-filled syringes.

The Rapid-Fill ASF needs no preventive maintenance and is designed to minimize cleaning requirements. Its cover maximizes laminar flow to ensure fluid-path sterility and maintain integrity during the cap removal, fill and capping process. Rapid-Fill Disposables are latex-free and non-DEHP for patient safety.

"The system takes a very manual process for filling syringes and automates it," states Rich Paoletti of Crozer-Keystone in Philadelphia, whose pharmacy took part in product trials during the Rapid-Fill ASF's development. He adds, "It is totally automated, labeled, and bar-coded to meet your own system's needs."

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About Baxa Corporation:
As a leading provider of devices and systems for the preparation, handling, packaging, and administration of liquid medications, Baxa manufactures and markets a wide range of healthcare products for use in hospitals, critical care units and alternate-site pharmacies. Headquartered in Englewood, Colorado, Baxa has subsidiaries and sales offices in Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany and Denmark; and distribution partners worldwide. Further information is available at http://www.baxa.com.

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