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FUTURE-PROOF DESIGN

For the second time in five years, Pharmacy Director Paul Eger led a renovation and expansion of Jackson South Community Hospital Pharmacy. This change tripled the pharmacy's square footage. Paul viewed the move as an opportunity to modernize work flow. "I was charged with designing a system that would look 20 years into the future," says Paul.

His greatest challenge occurred towards the end of the planning phase of the project.

Consulting closely with a pharm designer and HAMILTON's Project Management Team, Paul and his staff had developed a progressive process for the unit pick area. The procedures centered around new carousel dispensing technology (CDT). At the last minute, the hospital lost funding for the carousel. In response to this setback, the HAMILTON team quickly adjusted plans for the dispensing area from carousel technology to a traditional unit dose fill area. The new layout configured the casework for the present and anticipated the purchase of the carousel down the road. "This would keep the initial product cost relatively unchanged, while

minimizing the cost for the future conversion," says the pharm designer. "I only had to add a few strategic pieces to the pick station along with some active storage shelving to achieve my goal. This revised drawing gave the client the confidence that we could easily convert the design back to the original plan without having to return to administration for a large dollar purchase of new casework." Hamilton Casework Solutions' resourcefulness and the flexibility of the product line saved the project. Dispatching an average 4,000 dosages per day, Jackson South's current unit dose fill station allows ready access to more than 900 medications.

Having now worked in the new location for about a year, Paul reports an unexpected benefit. In addition to being easily reconfigured and expanded, HAMILTON casework has the look of fine furnishings. Everyone - visitors and staff - consistently comment on the beautiful decor. "Many of us spend more time here than at home," says Paul. "Having a visually-pleasing and effective environment bolsters staff morale and retention. We are committed to improving our productivity, efficiency and patient satisfaction evaluations at this hospital. When the employees are happy, they provide better services and our patient satisfaction scores rise."

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