

## HOAG INTERNAL BULLETIN

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### New Pharmacy Robot Aims at Improving Medication Safety Launches July 30

The pharmacy at Hoag Hospital Newport Beach will be launching a new two-robot system on July 30 that will increase accuracy for medication distribution and give pharmacists and pharmacy technicians more time with patients, physicians and staff.

Once pharmacy staff verifies a medication order, the order is interfaced into the system and the robots begin to work.



#### "Pill Pick" robot responsibilities include:

- Initiate the dispensing task immediately
- Process incoming requests and connect to the patient's electronic medical records
- Dispense the correct dosage into an individual package labeled with the patient's ID

#### "Box Picker" robot responsibilities include:

- Store and distribute bulky medication based on incoming requests
- Connect to the patient's electronic medical profile to verify incoming requests

If you have any questions about the two-robot system, please call Patrick Mok, Director of Pharmacy Services, at ext. 48219.

For more information about the two-robot system, please look for this week's issue of Hoag Times in your email or the Wave 7/26.