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## F4 and F5 Medication Carts from MMI Med Carts • By Doug Smock, RPh

**S**ervicing more than 120 assisted living and skilled nursing facilities in Oregon, Idaho, and Washington, Consonus Pharmacy Services first opened its doors in May 2004. At that time, the pharmacy management collaborated with several facility administrators to determine what medication cart features and qualities – including available options, colors, durability, serviceability, maneuverability, and cost – were both desired and required. After meeting with several vendors, we chose to work with MMI Med Carts.

MMI worked with Consonus Pharmacy to phase out our client facilities' older medication and treatment carts and replace them with F4 or F5 carts. Typical options for these carts include organizer trays, sharps containers, drawer dividers, and trash bins and allow the facilities to customize their carts. MMI's color selection also makes it easy for facilities to color-coordinate their carts with their décor or designate specific colors to certain units, providing immediate visual recognition for their staff.

As the old carts were replaced, we noted a significant decline in the



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number of service calls received by pharmacy. We are no longer bombarded with requests to replace broken or failed drawer glides, failing electronic locks, broken wheels, or drawer faces, and our client facilities appreciate the carts' functionality and durability. When the rare service call arises, MMI's staff responds to our customers' issues promptly. And in the event of a "shotgun start" for a new account, MMI has been able to meet all of our obligations and get equipment to our customer facilities quickly.

MMI has also provided customized wood carts for facilities that want a more residential feel to their equipment. Furthermore, MMI has met our needs for EMAR-related equipment, retrofitting their carts with computers to enable nursing documentation at the bedside and with biometric readers for secured user access. Overall, we have found MMI's pricing to be competitive and their service to be fast, dependable, and customer-oriented. ■

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