OnePoint Patient Care Establishes Illinois Hospice Pharmacy as Part of Ongoing National Expansion of Its Hospice Pharmacy Services
24-Hour Accessibility, Clinical Expertise and Timely Local Deliveries to Help Illinois Hospices Ensure Highest Level of Care, Comfort for Their Patients

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CHICAGO, IL, Nov 20, 2008 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX) -- OnePoint Patient Care, an independent hospice pharmacy services provider, announced today that it is continuing its national expansion with the establishment of its newest local pharmacy facility in the Chicago suburb of Morton Grove, Ill. With the opening of the new facility, OnePoint is now equipped to serve Illinois hospices with their prescription dispensing, prescription delivery, clinical consulting and cost management needs, helping them provide the highest level of care to their patients.

"Our local pharmacy operations allow us to be an integral part of our hospice partners' teams. From filling their patients' prescriptions and delivering them to their doorsteps to providing important clinical consultation and cost management programs, we enable hospices to provide their patients' the best care possible while keeping costs in check," said Jeffrey Hohl, President and Chief Operating Officer of OnePoint Patient Care. "We are excited to bring this high level of service to Illinois hospices."

Serving as President of OnePoint's new Illinois division will be Sherwin Sorkin, a lifelong Chicagoan who has been a pharmacist for more than 35 years, 15 of which have been dedicated exclusively to serving hospice patients. Sorkin, widely viewed as one of the state's top hospice-focused symptom and pain management consultants, got his start in the hospice field as owner of a dedicated hospice pharmacy, which he sold to Skokie, Ill.-based Forum Extended Care Services in 2002. He has served as Forum's Pharmacy Director since then.

"Both my sister and my brother-in-law received hospice care when they faced the ends of their lives, so I have experienced firsthand the wonderful care and compassion hospice provides terminally ill patients and their families," said Sorkin. "Now hospice care has become my calling, and I endeavor to treat each and every patient as if they were my own relative, with the goal of ensuring they have a dignified and comfortable end of life. I look forward to continuing this mission with OnePoint Patient Care."

OnePoint Patient Care is the nation's leading local hospice pharmacy services provider, filling prescriptions, creating custom compounds and providing home deliveries for an average of 7,500 patients per day. The pharmacy's local operations provide 24-hour accessibility, personal interaction, accurate prescriptions and prompt delivery, allowing hospices to get patients their medications quickly, simply and reliably. In addition, OnePoint provides clinical consulting and cost management services designed to help hospices provide superior, yet cost-effective palliative care for their patients.

The establishment of its new Illinois location is just the latest in a series of recent developments in OnePoint's expansion. Illinois is the fourth new market into which OnePoint -- which has been serving Arizona hospices for more than 20 years -- has expanded its hospice pharmacy services in the past year. Earlier this month, OnePoint opened a Florida location, and prior to that it set up operations in Oklahoma and Nevada. The company plans to continue its...
aggressive expansion into other markets in 2009.

In addition, OnePoint launched new clinical consulting and cost management services for hospices in October and announced that Gregory P. Dyke, formerly the Vice President of Palliative Services and New Business Development at Rainbow Hospice in Park Ridge, Ill., has joined OnePoint as President of Clinical Consulting.

"We have been listening closely to what hospices have told us they need in a pharmacy services provider and are rapidly expanding into new markets and adding new capabilities to meet those needs," said James A. Otterbeck, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of OnePoint Patient Care. "The enthusiasm in the hospice market for our comprehensive service model culminating with local dispensing capability will drive continued growth for us in 2009."

About OnePoint Patient Care

OnePoint Patient Care is a national hospice pharmacy services provider with operations in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Nevada and Oklahoma and more locations to come in 2009. For more than 20 years, OnePoint has been helping hospice patients get the medications they need quickly, simply and reliably. Working for its hospice partners 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, OnePoint provides clinically advanced and personal service customized to their needs. OnePoint was one of the first pharmacies to begin serving the hospice industry when the Medicare hospice benefit began in the 1980s, and today it has grown to be one of the leading independent hospice pharmacies in the United States. For additional information, visit www.oppc.com or call (866) 771-OPPC.

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