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**Chartwell Relocates Pittsburgh Pharmacy
New space offers innovative infusion technology, room for anticipated growth**

(PITTSBURGH, PA) — Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP, the region’s largest and most clinically-advanced home infusion and specialty pharmacy, has relocated to Oakdale, Pennsylvania.

Chartwell’s Pittsburgh branch, which services nearly 15,000 patients each month, began moving last December and completed the relocation in March. The new headquarters, 1001 Oakdale Road, Oakdale, PA, is approximately 15 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

Chartwell COO, David Benedict PharmD, BCPS, said the relocation of the Pittsburgh branch was essential to incorporate the next generation of clean-room technology into the facility, in addition to Chartwell’s geographic expansion, to meet the needs of infusion and specialty populations.

“Our major priority really involves taking the best possible care of our patients,” Benedict said. “The goal is to integrate newly developed technologies with best practice skill sets to maintain a state of environmental control, which is necessary to deliver high-quality care.”

The new location offers more real estate for the billion-dollar company’s rapid growth, ([PBT Fast 50](#)) and features newly-minted IV technology like gravimetrics, which can assist in the preparation of sterile compounding to ensure exactness in the admixture. These processes also meet best practices to align with

ISMP (Institute for Safer Medication Practices). Chartwell is United States Pharmacopeia (USP®) compliant for both USP 800 and USP 797, ensuring sterility of the medications for both hazardous and non-hazardous admixtures.

The two-story, 52,000 sq. foot location also offers a negative pressure receiving area for medications, outfitted with specially-engineered flow hoods to receive hazardous products. Every hood installed in the clean rooms feature extra depth and are outfitted with state-of-the-art video cameras to allow for pharmacists and technicians to review compounding in real-time and study aseptic techniques.

Additionally, a newly incorporated bin-washing room at the facility aids in a low reduction in particulate matter — a mix of solid and liquid particles often hazardous in the air — and aims to eliminate cross contamination of medications by sanitizing and drying pharmaceutical containers and equipment.

“We have colleagues from the region and nationally planning trips to Pittsburgh to see our facility,” Benedict said. “We attempted to build a program that not only merits the current standards but may meet the anticipated future evolutions of USP regulations.”

In addition to the technological advancements at the Oakdale location, Chartwell’s fully-renovated space provides more natural light for employees, large conference rooms intended to hold community-like forums with patients and caregivers, and a central location for Chartwell’s Pittsburgh location, which had been split between Crafton, Bridgeville and the South Side due to rapid growth.

For almost three decades, Chartwell has provided home infusion therapy to hundreds of thousands of patients throughout the tristate area. Its Specialty Pharmacy program, developed in 2010 after successfully servicing home infusion patients for 20 years, has delivered close to 250,000 specialty pharmacy shipments in less than a decade.

ABOUT CHARTWELL

Chartwell is a limited partnership between UPMC Health System, Butler Health System, Heritage Valley Health System and Washington Health System, with branch locations in Altoona, Erie, Pittsburgh and York. For almost 30 years, Chartwell has provided many of the latest, most advanced therapies and medications to patients for the treatment of a variety of complex conditions, including cancer, transplant, multiple sclerosis, hepatitis, and rheumatoid arthritis. The pharmacy provides services, therapies and medications for both home infusion and specialty pharmacy patients throughout the state of Pennsylvania, as well as Ohio, New York, and West Virginia.

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