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Methapharm Launches New Products at ACAAI Annual Meeting

Coral Springs, Florida, November 12, 2001 - Branded pharmaceutical manufacturer Methapharm Inc., best known for producing the bronchoconstrictor agent Provocholine® (Methacholine Chloride Powder for Inhalation), today announced three new additions to its growing family of respiratory-related products. The products are first being seen by attendees at the annual meeting of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology in Orlando Florida, November 16-20, 2001.

The Provocholine Kit® is a complete, disposable diagnostic kit for use with the Provocholine® (Methacholine Chloride Powder for Inhalation) Challenge Test. It contains all the equipment needed to prepare and administer seven single-patient inhalation doses of Provocholine®. In addition to seven nebulizers with attachable labels, the kit includes two mouthpieces with T adapter, two lengths of gas supply tubing (7 ft. and 3 1/2 ft.), a thumb control valve, exhalation filter, 20cc syringe and needle, 0.22-micron syringe filter, and detailed directions for use.

The Methapharm Dosimeter is a portable aerosol-generating device designed to enable precise, easy administration of bronchoprovocation agents. The compact, versatile device functions with a compressor or a compressed-gas source to accurately control the length of time the pneumatic nebulizer is powered. Pulse duration can be adjusted from 0.1 to 9.9 seconds, and the unit offers the choice of manual or remote switch activation, among many features.

The Methapharm Spirometer is a sleek, powerful desktop spirometer specifically designed for bronchial challenge testing. The unit's built-in color monitor displays real-time flow/volume, volume/time and closed loops, and can store results for more than 1,000 patients. For standard bronchial challenges, the Methapharm Spirometer offers both PD15/PD20 and PCI15/PCI20, plus new partial FVC maneuver and exercise protocol.

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