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 sts can produce reports
 ly from the profile. These
 ts can be limited to a specif-
 ic drug, printed in date-filled
 order, and include the SIG, DAW
 code, and day's supply. Options
 have been added to include claim
 reference numbers, lot numbers,
 and drug expiration dates on the
 reports, as well as the prescrip-
 tion's NDC for each fill to identify
 different generics that have been
 dispensed.

Added as well is a date/time
 stamp that records every step in
 the prescription fill process,
 including when it was filled, adju-
 dicated, or reversed and
 resubmitted. It also records when
 the prescription was verified and
 the time of pickup.

Scott Caravello, owner of Galva

Pharmacy in Galva, Ill., was one
 of the first users of the new work-
 flow software. He reports that it's
 saving him time. "I can access
 the signature log on the screen to
 see the signature of the person
 who picked up the prescription,
 and one of the best new features
 is the drug search on the patient
 profile screen," he says. The way
 he explains it, instead of scrolling
 through the profile, he can now
 find a specific drug through a
 simple command. He also likes
 the inventory audit trail that helps
 him track drugs dispensed and
 shows adjustments made to
 inventory. "Speed Script is defini-
 tely working in the right direction
 to make life easier in the pharma-
 cy," he says.

According to Speed Script CEO
 Ron Davis, the new software
 takes full advantage of the Linux

platform and graphical user inter-
 faces. Davis points out that part
 of the company's growth strategy
 is to not only introduce new prod-
 ucts, but also to form more
 strategic alliances. In this direc-
 tion, he notes, his company has
 received preferred vendor status
 from Dik Drug Company, a family-
 owned regional wholesaler based
 in Burr Ridge, Ill.

Davis also says that testing and
 certification of Speed Script with
TeleManager Technologies has
 been completed. This will offer
 pharmacists full interfaces with
 the TeleManager IVR product line.

Cognitive Addresses FDA Keystone Guidance

Cognitive Solutions has
 announced that its thermal printers
 make an ideal solution for the gen-
 eration of patient education leaflets
 that comply with the FDA's
 Keystone guidance. "The education
 leaflets are a continuous document
 that is perforated and can be easily
 folded into a small 4-inch by 6-inch
 size," says Raul Palacios, director of
 business development for Cognitive.
 And the forms, he explains, "are
 continuous, allowing for expansion
 and contraction of the document
 length, and keep the sheets of edu-
 cation information in order."

Key requirements of the FDA's
 Keystone guidance are that leaflets
 be printed in a minimum of 10-point
 type, use short line length, and have
 plenty of white space between sec-
 tions in order to make them
 readable and useful.

Cognitive is using the XML ver-
 sion of **First DataBank's** patient
 education monographs. And
 according to Nick Ratto, manager
 of the consumer drug information
 group at First DataBank, "their
 printouts of the patient educat-
 ion information meet or exceed
 the Keystone guidelines for
 formatting." **CT**

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