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Patient-Safety Advocate Baxa Corporation Joins Forces with the Emily Jerry Foundation to Champion Pharmacy Safety Education and Legislation

Englewood, Colo. – “Fatal saline overdose.” Three words a parent never expects to hear. But Chris Jerry did. Jerry’s daughter Emily died when a pharmacy technician’s mistake resulted in a fatal dose of saline solution. Three years later, in 2009, Jerry founded the Emily Jerry Foundation, a non-profit foundation dedicated to the prevention of medical errors. Today, patient-safety advocate Baxa Corporation formally joins forces with the [Emily Jerry Foundation](#) to evangelize patient safety.

As an Emily Jerry Foundation partner, Baxa will collaborate with Chris Jerry, Foundation President and CEO, to increase public awareness of solutions that can reduce the rate of human errors. The Baxa pharmacy workflow management tool, DoseEdge®, through barcode verification of every drug ingredient, has prevented more than 339,500 dose preparation errors in US hospital pharmacies.

“The Emily Jerry Foundation’s mission of improving pharmacy safety and reducing the rate of human error matches the vision my father had over three decades ago when he founded Baxa,” commented Baxa CEO Greg Baldwin. “Every day the Baxa team works to develop innovative pharmacy technologies for safe medication handling and delivery. We embrace the opportunity to join forces with the Emily Jerry Foundation, to increase public awareness of automation technologies that can improve dose safety and save lives.”

Chris Jerry notes, “The Emily Jerry Foundation looks forward to collaborating with Baxa, a company dedicated to arming pharmacy staff and leaders with the expertise and technology necessary to build and maintain a culture of safety. Pharmacy automation significantly reduces the incidence of medication errors caused by the human element that can lead to tragedies like Emily’s.”

During its thirty-five years of pharmacy leadership, Baxa has been at the forefront of innovative solution-based technologies for safe medication handling and delivery. Each day, more than 3,000 hospitals worldwide rely on [Baxa automation](#) to produce more than 450,000 safe and accurate medication doses.

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During the [American Society of Health-System Pharmacists \(ASHP\) Midyear Clinical Meeting & Exhibition](#) (in New Orleans, December 4-8, 2011), Jerry will join Baxa Director of Pharmacy, Dennis Tribble, PharmD, FASHP to present, “Lessons in Patient Safety: Emily Jerry’s story and its impact on pharmacy practice.” Tribble and Jerry will outline the specific factors that created the opportunity for error and detail what changes can prevent reoccurrences.

Those interested in joining the patient safety conversation can visit the [Culture of Safety](#) Facebook page. For more information about Baxa Corporation, its mission to strengthen patient safety across the globe and Baxa devices that enable pharmacists and healthcare workers to prevent errors, visit www.baxa.com or call 800.567.BAXA.

About Baxa Corporation

[Baxa](#), a customer-focused medical device company, provides innovative, solution-based technologies for medication handling and delivery. Its systems and devices promote the safe and efficient preparation, handling, packaging and administration of medications. Key products used worldwide in hospitals and healthcare facilities include: the [Abacus® Order Entry and Calculation Software](#), the [DoseEdge® Pharmacy Workflow Manager](#), [ExactaMed® Oral Syringes](#), [ExactaMix® Automated Compounding Devices](#), [InFuse™](#) and [MicroFuse® Syringe Infusers](#), [Repeater™ Pharmacy Pumps](#), [NeoThrive® Enteral Syringes](#), the [PadLock® Set Saver](#) and the [RapidFill™](#) and [IntelliFill® i.v.](#) Automated Syringe Fillers. Privately held, Baxa Corporation has subsidiaries and sales offices in Florida, Canada and the United Kingdom; direct representation in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Switzerland; and distribution partners worldwide. Further information is available at www.baxa.com.

About the Emily Jerry Foundation

The Emily Jerry Foundation was established in May 2009 on the premise that every child born into this world is truly a miracle. The non-profit organization was formed shortly after Ohio legislators passed [Emily's Law](#), which created licensing and minimum education requirements for pharmacy technicians. The foundation's mission is to protect children from medical errors. The group partners with key organizations and businesses to make medical facilities safer and promote life-saving technology. Support for the Emily Jerry Foundation ensures the organization can immediately begin saving lives. For more information, or to make a donation, go to www.emilyjerryfoundation.org.

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