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**Baxa Corporation Announces USP <797> Course to be Hosted at the STAR Center**

*Baxa announces it has signed a hosting agreement with the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) for compliance training through the Baxa STAR Center (Skills Training, Academics and Resources) educational facility.*

Englewood, Colo. – Baxa Corporation announces it has signed a hosting agreement with the United States Pharmacopeial (USP) Convention to promote a jointly developed course focused on facility compliance to USP Chapter <797>. The agreement allows Baxa and USP to collaborate on course content and training at the STAR (Skills Training, Academics and Resources) Center continuing education facility in Englewood, Colorado. Members of the USP <797> committee, as well as professional faculty from the STAR Center, will participate as course instructors.

The agreement represents an opportunity for training participants to access USP subject matter experts and receive guided implementation materials. Attendees to the *Aseptic Processing and Compliance for USP <797>* course are equipped with the knowledge and references to lead their pharmacies to USP <797> compliance. The program provides 21 hours of continuing education (CE) credit.

The STAR Center, a premier facility designed for cleanroom and pharmacy practice demonstration and training, is located at Baxa Corporation's world headquarters in the Denver metropolitan area. Baxa built the STAR Center to provide professional education on pharmacy practice, cleanroom principles and compliance to regulatory requirements. Baxa and USP plan to hold 16 sessions of their *Compliance Tools for USP <797>* course in 2009. The



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collaboration between the two companies – both of whom hosted similar courses previously at different sites – will provide a comprehensive program for practical compliance with USP <797> in the only purpose-built training facility for pharmacy and cleanroom practice training.

“This agreement, along with the STAR Center facility, offers a unique training opportunity for participants,” states Phil Wettestad, Baxa Pharmacy Operations Manager. “We’re looking forward to the opportunity to improve the quality of our existing programs and collaborate on future pharmacy training with USP that meets health-system pharmacy needs.”

As pharmacies across the country continue the work of bringing their facilities up-to-date with the latest USP <797> revisions, Baxa – through its STAR Center training and Productivity and Compliance Tools (PACT) – strives to provide realistic implementation solutions for best practice and regulatory compliance. The USP contribution to the STAR Center course helps ensure that its content is current and accurate. Baxa Corporation is excited to announce this new course, which furthers its commitment to best-in-class pharmacy practice training.

## **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 include the PadLock® Set Saver, Rapid-Fill™ Automated Syringe Fillers, Exacta-Med® Oral Dispensers, MicroFuse® Syringe Infusers, Repeater™ Pharmacy Pumps, and Exacta-Mix™ Multi-Source Automated Compounders; used worldwide in hospitals and healthcare facilities. Privately held, Baxa Corporation has subsidiaries and



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### **About the United States Pharmacopeia (USP)**

USP is a private, non-profit, standards-setting organization that advances public health by helping to ensure the quality and consistency of medicines, food ingredients, and dietary supplements, promoting the safe and proper use of medications, and verifying ingredients in drugs and dietary supplements. Its standards are recognized worldwide. For more information about USP and its public health programs, visit [www.usp.org/newscenter](http://www.usp.org/newscenter).

### **About the STAR Center**

The STAR Center is a state-of-the-art cleanroom, pharmacy and training facility located at the Baxa world headquarters in Englewood, Colorado. The center was purpose-built to support training in aseptic technique, pharmacy workflow and practice, cleanroom design and maintenance and USP <797> compliance among other topics. Classes are taught by industry-recognized subject matter experts. Further information is available at [www.baxa.com/starcenter](http://www.baxa.com/starcenter).

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