

# Press Release

## National Coalition of Pharmaceutical Distributors Collaborates to Secure the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain

The National Coalition of Pharmaceutical Distributors (NCPD) and XStream Systems, Inc. today announced its agreement to collaborate in advancing XStream's revolutionary supply chain safety and anti-counterfeiting solution to its membership.

This agreement will give NCPD members preferential access to XStream's XT250 Materials Authentication and Secure Pharma Network Solutions which authenticate and verify pharmaceutical products inside its sealed containers throughout the receiving, stocking and fulfillment process.

NCPD will be working with its members to assist them in deploying XStream's authentication solution in order to provide its member's customers with access to the safest and most verified pharmaceutical products available, and protect it from the growing threat of counterfeit, tampered, and adulterated pharmaceuticals.

"By teaming with XStream we are providing our members access to the most comprehensive solution of safeguarding the pharmaceutical supply chain," said Karen Moody, President of NCPD. "Our members will be able to verify and authenticate their inventories from receiving to returns and maintain complete supply chain integrity."

According to Alan Clock, XStream's Senior Vice President, the NCPD members represent the perfect end user of XStream's Solutions. "Like many within the pharmaceutical supply chain, the NCPD member distributor recognizes the many threats that currently exist globally to its source of supply," he said. "As a result of these threats, it is vital for pharmaceutical distributors to have an effective process to verify and authenticate their products as they receive and ship them to their customers."

NCPD and XStream anticipate their collaborative efforts will make significant strides in securing the domestic pharmaceutical supply chain and will increase the safety to all medication consumers in the United States.

### **About the National Coalition of Pharmaceutical Distributors**

*The National Coalition of Pharmaceutical Distributors was founded to represent and promote the value of small and independent pharmaceutical distributors with respect to legislatures, regulatory organizations, manufacturers, dispensers, and the community at large through rigorous advocacy in order to preserve the businesses of its members, to ensure distribution system efficiency and to uphold public safety. For more information, visit [www.ncpdusa.org](http://www.ncpdusa.org).*

### **About XStream Systems**

*XStream Systems produces next-generation equipment for material identification. Their patented systems are based on Energy-Dispersive X-Ray Diffraction (EDXRD) technology. The company's XT250™ System enables testing of powders, pills AND entire sealed bottles. The equipment's superior sample penetration allows the identification of contents inside opaque plastic, cardboard and even metal packaging. XStream's SPN (Secure Pharma Network)*

*integrates testing data into a real time supply chain safety management solution. For more information, call 1-800-597-1191 or visit [www.xstreamsystems.net](http://www.xstreamsystems.net).*

**About the XT250**

*The XT250™ Material Identification System, based on Energy Dispersive X-Ray Diffraction (EDXRD), is an easy to use, checkpoint screening device that matches a pharmaceutical's molecular crystalline structure against its standard profile to determine its authenticity and quality. The XT250 System's superior penetration allows it to scan directly through the manufacturer's packaging allowing wholesales to ensure safety beyond current pedigree methods by verifying their inventory at receiving points.*

**About the Secure Pharma Network**

*Secure Pharma Network (SPN) is a network suite of functionalities for verification data and system updates. Customizable and scaleable, it can be integrated with inventory control and e-pedigree systems. Critical data on substandard medication can be monitored by manufacturers, distributors, dispensers, re-packagers, and government agencies giving vital up-to-date information to help protect the supply chain across the globe.*