Semi-Automatic Medicine Dispenser

Transforming medication dispensing into a safe, simple, and digital process



Positive Impact

- Enhances patient safety
- Frees up valuable nursing time
- Digitalises medication management.



Initial Validation

Our multi-year successful international validation in numerous EU countries, guided by Bosch's corporate innovation framework and Lean Startup principles, included rigorous concept testing, customer discovery, and validation. The process delivered deep market insights, confirmed demand, and built strong traction with nursing homes.



Solution

The proposed medicine dispenser is an innovative hardware/software system in table format. It automates medication sorting and dispensing, accelerating processes by 50% and reducing human errors by 70–90%. Beyond dispensing, it digitally manages patient, billing, and inventory data, while employing optical inspection, QR scanning, and computer vision to ensure safe, accurate, and traceable medication delivery.



Problem

The problem with manual medication dispensing in nursing homes is that it is slow, paper-based, and highly prone to human error—especially when dealing with similar medication boxes. This leads to an estimated error rate of 40–45% in dispensing, contributing to a global annual cost of \$21 billion from medication errors. Compounding this issue is the severe shortage of nursing staff and limited digital support, which strains healthcare providers and impedes both quality control and efficient inventory management.





Call to Action !!!

We are looking for experienced business developers, and open-minded individuals with hardware and software development experience. Interested? Do not hesitate to contact us and reach out at:

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Potential Markets

The solution—combining a smart dispensing device with integrated software services—will bring significant benefits in countries such as:

- → CEE: Tangible need validated by 13/16 signed LOIs from nursing homes, with strong backing from key stakeholders and the largest medicine wholesaler.
- → Germany: Validated demand with 4 LOIs from nursing homes and strong distributor interest, amid a critical nursing shortage.
- → Poland: High demand with 16/19 institutions interested and over 10 long-term testing offers.
- → Spain & Portugal: Confirmed interest from institutions requesting trials of the compact tabletop solution.
- → Belgium: Strong interest from leading associations such as Apricusa, with long-term testing opportunities.
- → East Asia (e.g. Taiwan): Open to manufacturing and distribution partnerships with innovative hospital providers.



Technology

→ The Semi-Automatic Medicine
Dispenser combines advanced
mechatronics, software, and computer
vision in a compact 160×80 cm
workstation. It supports parallel
dispensing of up to 28 patient boxes,
integrates a semi-automatic
deblistering system, pill breaker, QR
scanner, and label printer, and
continuously validates accuracy via
optical inspection. All data is logged
and integrated into digital workflows for
inventory, invoicing, and patient care.

The solution is supported by two patent families filed at the Deutsches Patent und Markenamt: one covering the sorting device and its operating method, and another for the medicament container and automated filling process. Together, these innovations provide strong IP protection and establish a foundation for scalability across nursing homes, hospitals, and other healthcare

