

Distribution will expand from chemists to retail business:

**The Med-O-Wheel Smart, produced by Finnish company Addoz, is also available at Stockmann department stores.**

**The distribution of the Med-O-Wheel Smart, produced by Finnish company Addoz Oy, will expand also to the retail business at the end of March, at which time the dispenser will be available in all Stockmann department stores in Finland.**

**The electronic medication dispenser produced by Addoz, the Med-O-Wheel Smart, reminds its users when to take their medication, also ensuring that the dose is correct.**

The dispenser is for sale at Stockmann's domestic appliance department, and will be on special offer in April for loyal customers. Additionally, basic medication cassettes, Addoz Med-O-Wheels will be available in the product range of the domestic appliance department.

Until now, the Med-O-Wheel Smart has only been sold in Finland by selected chemists. Municipalities have also purchased the dispensers, in order to improve medication safety. The main exporting country of the dispenser is England, but it will become available also in other parts of Europe, as a part of the Bosch care phone system.

The Addoz-developed programmable medication dispenser that reminds its users to take their medication is an electronic dispensing system for medication in the form of tablets and capsules, which ensures the administration of medication in the right time and dose each day. It helps its users to remember their medicine exactly when it should be taken, and also efficiently prevents any possible misuse of the medication. In case the medication is forgotten, Med-O-Wheel immediately sounds an alarm.

Studies indicate that normally only a third of drugs are taken at the right time, while a third is not taken at all. The Med-O-Wheel Smart increases the on-time use of the medication and right dosage rates to more than 95 per cent.

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**Addoz Oy**

Addoz Oy is a Finnish health care company. Its main product is the Med-O-Wheel Smart and the development, manufacturing and sales/exportation of its medicine logistics service model. The company's main exporting country is England.

**Addoz Med-O-Wheel Smart and the Medication Logistics Service Model**

The programmable Med-O-Wheel Smart, developed by Addoz Oy, is an intelligent dispenser for medicine in the form of tablets. Its goal is to improve the distribution of drugs and offer cost savings. Programmable in advance, the Med-O-Wheel Smart can be used either as a separate dispenser or it can be associated to a wider service package with an alert system. The implementation of the Med-O-Wheel Smart in home nursing or for persons living at home is easy. A home nurse, chemist or relative will program the medication schedule into the Med-O-Wheel Smart and it will deliver the medicine, for instance, at two-week intervals. Each day, the dispenser will sound an alarm when it's time to

take the medication. This prevents, for instance, the patient from exceeding his/her dose or taking the wrong or contraindicated medication.

When the Med-O-Wheel Smart alarm sounds, the patient receives the prescribed dose of medication by pressing the dispensing button. If the patient does not take his/her medication for whatever reason, the device reminds him/her to do so with a flashing light and a warning tone.