

## **Wish for more Ready-To-Use drugs for Danish hospitalised patients.**

The increasing focus on patient safety and working environment has increased the demand for Ready-To-Use drugs in the hospitals. Delivery of Ready-To-Use drugs means that drugs will require only a minimum of handling by the staff in the clinical departments before the patient is able to receive the treatment. This will reduce the time required for drug handling in clinical departments. It will also improve treatment quality and benefit patient safety as Ready-To-Use drugs have been manufactured according to the regulatory requirements applicable to the manufacture of drugs; this legislation does not include the preparation of drugs in clinical departments. This means, among other things, that the drugs will be labelled correctly until used for the patient which reduces the risk of mistakes and enhances the option of electronically documenting the medical treatment used.

Hospital pharmacies and Amgros are seeking to provide Ready-To-Use solutions by means of a continuous dialogue with the pharmaceutical industry. The industry is responsive to the issues and several examples of industrially manufactured Ready-To-Use drugs exist in syringe, etc. However, solutions are missing in a wide range of areas, including paediatrics and anaesthesiology.

A pilot study of the need for prefilled syringes at several hospitals in Denmark was completed in the autumn of 2010. The study demonstrated a wish for delivery of several different products. Contact Helle Bräuner, tel. +45 60 72 18 11, or by e-mail [hbr@amgros.dk](mailto:hbr@amgros.dk) for the results of the study.