Personalized Blister Packaging System for Prescription Pharmaceutical Drugs

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have a low error rate this activity is not expected to be particularly time consuming.) The incorporation of pill identification, automated blister package sealing and a central patient/drug repository will be left for a later implementation.

The initial approach will involve a broad top level design, followed by a round of components sourcing and feasibility studies for implementation strategies. In specific, the system will require PID controlled actuators for controlling the blister pack and a pill dispensing mechanism with variable aperture to accommodate different sized pills. The above mentioned have been articulated in the immediate milestones section.

Immediate Milestones:

- 1. Market research, feasibility studies and design selection.
- 2. High level design CAD modeling of different implementation strategies (parallel/serial sorting)
- 3. PID controller design of blister pack control and drug dispensing via aperture control
- 4. Selection of micro-controller, sensors, motors, interface medium, and materials for prototype fabrication
- 5. Platform selection and GUI design for pharmacist interaction
- 6. Initial prototype design and optimization based on test results
- 7. Creation of full scale prototype and application

Future Milestones:

- 8. Sensor design for pill/drug identification
- 9. Possible integration to sealing (thermal or adhesive) automation of blister packs
- 10. Drug splitting (to half or quarter dosages)
- 11. Creating database framework for patient/drug repository that has instant synchronization capability.