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**Keystone Folding Box Co. Unveils Key-Pak® Plus —**

**Senior-Friendly, Child-Resistant Blister Pack**

**for Prescription Medications**

***Designed to protect children and empower seniors, it achieves top U.S. safety ratings and meets global accessibility standards***

*Newark, NJ* — With 1 in 5 seniors struggling to open traditional medication packaging, **Keystone Folding Box Co.**, a global leader in pharmaceutical paperboard solutions, introduces **Key-Pak® Plus**. This innovative addition to the Key-Pak® line combines senior-friendly accessibility with the highest U.S. child-resistant rating (F=1) in a sleek carton-and-blister format. Tested under U.S. protocols (16 CFR 1700.20), Key-Pak® Plus earned top marks for non-reclosable CR designs and a 100% pass rate in senior-friendly testing, aligning with global accessibility standards like ISO 17480 (guidelines for packaging usable by all, including those with limited dexterity).

Designed for oral solid dose (OSD) medications, Key-Pak® Plus supports both thermoformed and cold-formed blisters, offering a cost-efficient solution that enhances patient adherence and protects medication integrity. Its intuitive push-through indicators (visual cues for correct dispensing) and guided dispensing mechanism (a structured path for blister removal) help reduce dosing errors, improving safety and treatment success for seniors. It’s ideal for clinical trials, physician samples, and commercial packaging for brand and generic drugs.

**Three Core Advantages for Pharmaceutical Manufacturers**

**Safety & Global Readiness**

* Achieves F=1 child resistance under U.S. protocol 16 CFR 1700.20 — the highest rating for non-reclosable packaging, ensuring no child access.
* 100% pass rate in U.S. senior-friendly testing, meeting ISO 17480 standards for accessibility in global markets.
* Durable paperboard sleeve safeguards light-sensitive and fragile medications during transport.

**Brand & Patient Engagement**

* Expansive billboard space for branding, multilingual labeling, and clear patient instructions.
* Smooth “zipper” dispensing action allows clean, precise blister removal, easing access for seniors with limited dexterity.
* Enhances patient experience, reducing frustration and supporting consistent medication use.

**Efficiency & Cost Advantages**

* Cost-effective paperboard design balances safety and performance.
* Compatible with both thermoformed and cold-formed blisters.
* Short sealing times and reduced heat exposure protect sensitive products.
* Stackable, self-contained format simplifies distribution and storage.

**Supply Chain Advantage and Availability**

Manufactured entirely in the United States, Key-Pak® Plus ensures consistent quality and reliable lead times, offering pharmaceutical companies a stable supply chain in a volatile global market.

Key-Pak® Plus is available in various sizes to suit diverse OSD formats. Keystone Folding Box Co. provides engineering support and packaging line integration for pharmaceutical partners worldwide.

“Key-Pak® Plus empowers seniors to manage their medications with confidence while keeping children safe,” said Ward Smith, spokesperson for Keystone Folding Box Co. “It’s a game-changer for manufacturers seeking safe, accessible, and efficient packaging that meets global standards.”

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**About Keystone Folding Box Co.**

Founded in 1890, Keystone Folding Box Co. is a trusted developer of paperboard packaging for the global pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, and consumer products industries. Specializing in child-resistant, senior-friendly designs, Keystone delivers innovative solutions that prioritize safety, adherence, and sustainability. To learn more about Keystone Folding Box Company, please contact Ward Smith at Keystone Folding Box Company, at (513) 307-8163, ward.smith@keyboxco.com or visit [www.keyboxco.com](http://www.keyboxco.com).