Medical technology is advancing at an astounding rate, and more lives are being saved because of it. Simple renovations to barcodes, glucose monitors, and even *pill counting* are are

happening. With all that said, the future of medical technology is impressive.

GlaxoSmithKline announced recently that they will be using two-dimensional (2D) barcodes on the majority of their U.S. vaccines. The perk of these new barcodes is that they are smaller, yet they contain more information. GSK believes that these state-of-the-art barcodes are a natural progression as we move toward electronic medical records.

LabStyle, a company out of Ramat Gan, Israel, is soon to turn your Smartphone into a glucose meter. The Dario glucometer device package includes a supply of 25 test strips, a built-in lancet, and the actual meter that plugs into the phone's audio jack. Of course, there's an app for that! Launch the app, slide a test strip into the meter, draw blood, and let the meter suck it down.

Pill counting scales are improving as well. Torbal's technology allows for the fastest and most accurate pill counting possible of any size or shape without hindrances from transparent pills or uncoated, dusty tablets. Typical transaction counts of 100 pills are usually performed in less than 20 seconds. Pills are filled directly from the supply bottle into the vial or a weighing boat, therefore cross contamination is completely eliminated. <u>Compare</u> Torbal scales to typical Rx counters.

These are just a few impressive medical novelties. There are many more being developed as we speak like the esophageal probe that Eso-Technologies Inc. is working on. <u>Contact us</u> to learn more about our tablet and capsule counter technology.