

During the 1960s, McKesson & Robbins continued its focus on distribution by merging with Foremost Dairies of San Francisco to form Foremost-McKesson, Inc. The new company became the largest U.S. distributor of pharmaceutical drugs, alcoholic beverages, and chemicals; the largest supplier of whey by-products; the largest producer of processed water; a leader in the fresh dairy products field; and a multiregional distributor of hospital and laboratory supplies and equipment.

In the 1980s and 1990s, McKesson decided to focus more on health care and divested its unrelated businesses. The company acquired Automated Health Care, now part of McKesson Automation, and General Medical, the largest distributor of medical-surgical supplies. The company also acquired HBO & Company and operated for a time as McKesson HBOC—the world's largest health care services company.⁹

Today, McKesson is ranked 15th on the Fortune 500, with more than \$137.6 billion in annual revenue. The company delivers pharmaceutical drugs, medical supplies, and health care information technology solutions through a network of 29 distribution centers, a primary distribution center, a strategic redistribution center, and two repackaging facilities.¹⁰

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Lucien Napoleon Brunswig is credited with being the founder of Bergen Brunswig. He was born in 1854 and immigrated to the United States in approximately 1871. He became an apprentice to a U.S. druggist at 17 years old, and opened his own drug store in Atchison, Kansas, when he was 21. He sold the Kansas store, opened a new store in Ft. Worth, and by 1882 was invited by George R. Finlay to join him as a partner in a drug wholesale business. The new firm was called Finlay Brunswig until 1885 and Finlay's death. In 1887 Brunswig took on a partner, F.W. Braun. They opened operations out west, and in 1907, Brunswig bought out Braun. The new business was renamed Brunswig Drug Company. Brunswig died in 1943, two years after his retirement; he did not live to see his kingdom expand tremendously, as it did in the years following World War II.¹¹

In 1947 Emil P. Martini founded and became the first president of the Bergen Drug Company based in Hackensack, New Jersey. A

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