

3M Avagard Surgical Hand Antiseptic Wins Minnesota Tekne Award for Innovation

Avagard (chlorhexidine gluconate 1% solution and ethyl alcohol 61% w/w) surgical and healthcare personnel hand antiseptic with moisturizers, a patented scrubless and waterless method to prepare hands for surgery using a unique dispensing system, has received the 2004 Tekne Innovation Award. Avagard surgical hand prep is the only FDA-approved waterless, brushless hand antiseptic.

As part of 3M Health Care's family of hand hygiene products, Avagard surgical hand prep offers an innovative method of preparing hands for surgery. Fast-acting and effective, it provides clinically documented persistent antimicrobial protection for up to six hours without water or scrubbing. With the combination of two broad-spectrum, proven antimicrobials delivered in a moisturizing lotion base, Avagard surgical hand prep is highly effective while still being skin friendly. The alcohol component kills bacteria rapidly, while chlorhexidine gluconate provides persistent activity.

"3M's Medical Division is honored to be recognized for the innovation behind Avagard hand antiseptic, which continues to provide health care professionals a convenient, effective and time-saving solution while protecting their skin," said J. Michael McQuade, division vice president, 3M Medical Division. "Avagard surgical hand prep is a signature component of our infection prevention program designed to reduce surgical site infections."

Sponsored by the Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) and Minnesota Technology Inc. (MTI), in partnership with Medical Alley, MNBIO and Minnesota Project Innovation, the award honors businesses that have demonstrated leadership, dedication and excellence in the development of an innovation in key areas, contributing to Minnesota's technology-based economy

For more information about Avagard surgical hand antiseptic from 3M, go to www.3m.com/avagard.

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