

Belimed, Inc. and 3M Sterilization Assurance to Collaborate on Education

Belimed, Inc, a world leader in infection control systems, and 3M Sterilization Assurance, a world leader in sterilization monitoring products and a part of 3M Health Care, have formed a collaboration to jointly promote best practices in sterile processing in the United States. With infection prevention a key issue in the industry today, the two organizations will work together to provide objective educational resources to customers on sterilization monitoring practices. This partnership was announced today at the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) Annual Congress in Anaheim, Calif.

As the first step in the partnership, 3M™ Attest™ Sterile U Network educational resources and training will be featured during the AORN congress in the Belimed booth (#375) between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. each day.

After AORN, Belimed will provide access to 3M Sterilization Assurance educational resources to all existing and new accounts on an ongoing basis, and both organizations' sales groups will work together to advance higher standards of practice in sterile processing areas.

According to U.S. Belimed CEO Joseph McDonald, "This partnership is a critical step in the advancement of sterile processing best practices and will bring together innovative products and practice to enable more facilities to reduce hospital acquired infections while running reliable and efficient sterile processing departments."

Doug Patton, 3M Sterilization Assurance global business manager, added, "Collaborating with Belimed allows us to continue to expand industry access to our educational resources. 3M Sterilization Assurance is committed to helping customers achieve the highest standard of sterilization excellence, and this partnership is an important step toward that goal."

ABOUT BELIMED, INC.:

Belimed, Inc. is a world leader in infection control, specializing in cleaning, disinfection and sterilization. A division of Metal-Zug, a Swiss company with an annual sales volume of approximately \$500 million, Belimed, Inc. has been providing state-of-the-art products in the healthcare, pharmaceutical and laboratory sectors worldwide for over 30 years.

ABOUT 3M HEALTH CARE:

3M Health Care, one of 3M's six major business segments, provides world-class innovative products and services to help health care professionals improve the practice, delivery and outcome of patient care in medical, oral care, drug delivery and health information markets.

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