

ASP LAUNCHES STERRAD® STERILITY GUIDE – ELIMINATING PAPERWORK AND ENSURING COMPLIANCE

New Online Tool Informs Customers Which Instruments Can be Sterilized in STERRAD® Systems with a Few Clicks of a Mouse

IRVINE, Calif. --- November 3, 2008 --- Advanced Sterilization Products (ASP), division of Ethicon Inc., is pleased to unveil a new global initiative that will support the needs of healthcare professionals who are faced with infection prevention concerns. The STERRAD® Sterility Guide, a first-of-its-kind online tool, is designed to help healthcare professionals around the world quickly, easily and accurately determine which instruments can be sterilized in STERRAD® Systems.

As more and more medical devices come to market and infection control standards are monitored by industry groups, there is an acute need to provide accurate and up-to-date guidance to hospital staff on which devices can be sterilized in STERRAD® Systems. To fulfill this unmet need and demonstrate its commitment to following the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) and Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) Standards and Recommended Practices, ASP took the lead and developed the STERRAD® Sterility Guide.

By following a few simple steps on the new, easy-to-use Web site, www.sterrad.com/sterilityguide <<http://www.sterrad.com/sterilityguide>>, STERRAD® System customers can immediately obtain confirmation 24 hours a day, seven days a week as to whether a device can be sterilized in a STERRAD® System. All devices listed on the STERRAD® Sterility Guide have been approved for use in a STERRAD® System by the appropriate medical device manufacturer. And because ASP has partnered with medical device manufacturers around the world, new devices will be added on a regular basis.

About ASP

Advanced Sterilization Products (ASP), division of Ethicon, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company, has a long track record of designing and delivering innovative infection prevention solutions that dramatically raise the level of health and safety for those who matter most. Our pioneering technology, global distribution, and established leadership position enable us to simplify the process of buying and operating infection prevention products and services every day, for thousands of medical facilities around the world. This in turn enables our customers to focus on what they do best – preventing infection and saving lives.

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