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## **Healthmark Industries Offers Healthcare Facilities ProFormance** TM

Fraser, MI, Dec. 30, 2011-New guidelines from AORN and AAMI call for weekly testing of the automated instrument washer (Recommended Practices for Cleaning and Care of Surgical Instruments and Powered Equipment, Section XXII.a and ANSI/AAMI ST79:2010 7.5.3.3). Healthmark's ProFormance<sub>TM</sub> weekly test kits are the comprehensive solution.

Proper cleaning is critical and instruments aren't sterile if they are not cleaned properly. These kits include tests to measure water temperature, water quality, cleaning efficiency, and directly test residual soil left on instruments, all parameters cited by the AORN and AAMI as crucial for the routine testing of instrument reprocessing. The FDA, AAMI, and other standards bodies recommend that any simulated-use testing be done with a surrogate device that closely approximates the actual types of soils the instrument is exposed to in clinical use. Further, the surrogate device should be made of the same type of material as the instrument it represents. The TOSI<sup>TM</sup> is just such a device: dried blood soil on a stainless coupon is directly analogous to dried blood on a stainless steel surgical instrument.

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Since 1969, Healthmark Industries Company, Inc. has developed and marketed innovative solutions to aid healthcare facilities in their delivery of surgical instruments and other life saving medical devices to patients. Healthmark Industries mission is to continue to innovate, continue to support and continue to serve the healthcare provider industry and support services that make it possible to deliver quality healthcare. Visit <a href="https://www.hmark.com">www.hmark.com</a> for more information.