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BioScience Laboratories Announces ASTM Collaborative Study for Hand Antiseptic Products

Bozeman, Montana, June 17, 2011 — In response to ASTM publishing two new methods for the evaluation of topical hand antiseptic products, BioScience Laboratories has designed a study to compare the three published ASTM methods and determine which method is most appropriate for each product type.

ASTM E1174-06 Standard Test Method for Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Health Care Personnel Handwash Formulation

ASTM E2755-10 Determining the Bacteria-Eliminating Effectiveness of Hand Sanitizer Formulations Using Hands of Adults

ASTM E2784-10 Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Handwash Formulations Using the Paper Towel (Palmar) Method of Hand Contamination

BioScience Laboratories is offering participation in this study to manufacturers of the following product types:

- Alcohol (Gel, Liquid, Foam, Wipe)
- Chlorhexidine Gluconate (CHG) (Liquid)
- Alcohol & CHG (Gel)
- Triclosan (Liquid)
- PCMX (Liquid)
- PVPI (Liquid)
- Quat (Liquid)

Upon conclusion of this collaborative study, the study findings will be prepared and a peer reviewed article written for submission to the [*American Journal of Infection Control*](#) (AJIC) in an effort to define the most appropriate test method and regulatory pathway for each type of product.

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