TIDI Products Cites Important Scientific Information Presented at APIC 2016

Improved Protocols and Interdepartmental Collaboration Central to Reducing Infection Risk

Neenah, WI (PRWEB) June 13, 2016 -- TIDI Products, LLC, a leading manufacturer of clinically differentiated, single-use, infection-prevention products, including products that maintain the sterile field, today cited the presentation of important scientific information at the 43rd Annual Educational Conference of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), concluding today at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

APIC is the primary association for healthcare professionals dedicated to preventing infections in healthcare environments. APIC’s 2016 annual gathering has allowed more than 5,000 attendees from around the globe to share evidenced-based learning and best practices via exhibits, plenary sessions, workshops, and presentations. A gallery of informative posters by infection-prevention experts has communicated valuable and constructive scientific learning.

One such presentation, “Interdepartmental Collaboration to Reduce Conjunctiva Exposure Risk: Process Improvement to Increase Awareness and Enhance Compliance,” demonstrated the clear value of system-wide education and advanced protocols in reducing infection risk. Victor R. Lange, Director of Infection Prevention at Alta Hospital Systems in Los Angeles, educated staff in multiple departments at Promise Hospital of San Diego about the realities of eye-related infection risk and then tested the efficacy of new, best-practice, prevention strategies in reducing conjunctiva exposure.

With improved processes adopted—including risk review prior to all staff tasks as well as mask- and glove-level access to eyewear (in Surgery, Med-Surg, Intensive Care, Cardio-Pulmonary, Engineering, and Environmental Services units)—Mr. Lange tracked a 100% reduction in eye splashes compared to the prior 12 months of baseline data, as well as 15 splash “saves” in the first 90 days alone. Mr. Lange said collaboration among Infection Prevention, Occupational Health, Nursing Education, and Executive Management, along with use of appropriate protective equipment, can virtually eliminate eye exposure risk, reduce facility infection transmission risk, and improve overall healthcare worker safety.

According to Lange, hospital data from the International Safety Center’s Exposure Prevention Information Network (EPINet) reveals that more than 60% of all reported non-sharp blood and body fluid exposures occur to conjunctiva and greater than 90% of exposures occur without proper eye protection.

To assist infection-control professionals in gaining greater staff compliance, performance, and protection, TIDI offers TIDIShield® Grab ‘n Go™ Eye Shields in a convenient point-of-use dispenser. By placing single-use TIDIShield Grab ‘n Go Eye Shields wherever gloves or masks are available, facilities can help reduce infection transmission risk via conjunctiva.

APIC 2016 attendees may learn more about the TIDI Products portfolio by visiting Exhibit Hall Booth #2201. Additional information about TIDI Products is available online at http://www.TIDIProducts.com.

About TIDI Products, LLC
TIDI Products, LLC is a leading global manufacturer of innovative, single-use, infection-prevention products and unique, safety-improving interventional equipment. TIDI is committed to supporting caregivers and
preventing infections in hospitals, clinics, dental offices, and other healthcare environments. The TIDI Product portfolio ranges from exam table paper, patient capes and gowns, dental bibs, curing light sleeves, intra-oral camera covers, and sterile C-Arm drapes; to protective eyewear, gowns, masks and gloves for staff; to securement products for catheters and other devices. For more information, please visit http://www.TIDIProducts.com or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

CFI Medical, manufacturer of the C-Armor product line, is now part of TIDI Products.

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