Medline Launches Several New Infection-Fighting Solutions at 39th Annual APIC Conference

From products to help protect health care workers from getting the flu, to a new high-tech device that destroys harmful bacteria and prevents health care-acquired infections, Medline Industries, Inc. is introducing a number of innovative solutions designed to improve worker and staff safety at this week's 39th Annual Association for Professionals in Infection Control's (APIC) Educational Conference & International Meeting held in San Antonio, Texas.

"Preventing infections and improving the quality of care is our number-one goal," said Candace Smith, MPA, RN, NEA-BC, senior vice president and chief nursing officer for Medline. "Through extensive customer insights, research and new technologies, we have developed several new solutions to help medical staff improve patient safety and outcomes."

Among the new products Medline will introduce and demonstrate at APIC this week are:

- IRiS™ — a mobile UV-C (high-intensity ultraviolet light) room disinfection system that has been shown to dramatically reduce harmful pathogens found on surfaces within health care settings.
- BioMask™ — the first-ever FDA cleared antiviral, antimicrobial medical face mask that is shown to kill or inactivate 99.99 percent of laboratory tested flu viruses, including H1N1, Avian flu and Swine flu.
- Over-the-Head Personal Protection Gowns — provide quick and easy donning and removal to help stay in proper gown compliance when time constraints are an issue.

About Medline
As the nation's largest privately held manufacturer and distributor of health care products, Medline manufactures and distributes more than 125,000 products to hospitals, extended care facilities, surgery centers, physician offices, home care dealers and retailers. Recently named one of the "100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare," Medline is headquartered in Mundelein, Ill. and has more than 1,100 dedicated sales representatives nationwide to support its broad product line and cost management services.

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