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INFECTION CONTROL ALERT!

Dear Healthcare Professional,

As a public service announcement, we would like to draw your attention to a recent malpractice case involving the violation of compliance for biological monitoring.

On December 8, 2011, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts affirmed the final decision and order of the Board of Registration in Dentistry suspending the license of a dentist who failed to conduct and record weekly spore testing. The dentist's failure constituted dental malpractice. For the entire summary of Stephen Chadwick vs. Board of Registration in Dentistry see case # SJC-10831 on the web. For additional information, please visit:

<http://www.jdsupra.com/post/documentViewer.aspx?fid=ee14799f-1ffd-435d-8a29-fc52655a8e18>

<http://law.justia.com/cases/massachusetts/supreme-court/2011/sjc-10831.html>

Please be advised the CDC guidelines state: *Correct functioning of sterilization cycles should be verified for each sterilizer by the periodic (at least weekly) use of biological indicators (BIs).* Users should follow the manufacturer's directions concerning the appropriate placement of the biological indicators in the sterilizer.

In addition to conducting routine biological monitoring, equipment users should perform biological monitoring for the following occurrences:

- Whenever a new type of packaging material or tray is used.
- After training new sterilization personnel.
- After a sterilizer has been repaired.
- After any change in the sterilizer loading procedures

LET CROSSTEX BE YOUR COMPLIANCE PARTNER!

We welcome the opportunity to be of service and provide you with answers to your compliance questions, offer educational information and useful prevention tools, along with customer support for biological monitoring and sterility assurance needs. We offer useful convenient solutions to help you meet CDC guidelines.

Our Crosstex Support Program:

- To assist you with regular BI test scheduling, Crosstex offers a FREE reminder program which provides either a fax or email alert notification of a missed test date. To enroll, please visit biologicalmonitoring.com.
- For easy record keeping, Crosstex offers a convenient quarterly compliance calendar to track and record your testing schedule. To download a copy of the calendar, please visit biologicalmonitoring.com.
- For additional information, please contact our Customer Care at **800-819-3336**. Please visit crosstex.com or confirmmonitoring.com to learn more about Crosstex Sterility Assurance.