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MEDIA ADVISORY

Protecting Patients, Eliminating Infections, Improving Performance: Emerging Tools to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections

Event will bring together industry and academic experts to explore how to reduce the prevalence of infections in healthcare environments

WHAT: Each year, more than two million patients acquire infections in U.S. healthcare facilities, adding an estimated \$30.5 billion annually to the nation's health tab weakening the financial performance of healthcare institutions.

“Protecting Patients, Eliminating Infections, Improving Performance” will bring together industry and academic experts to explore how the incidence of these infections has changed over time, identify a range of steps that can reduce the risk of these infections, examine the innovations – emerging technologies, new tools, inventive methodologies – that can be employed to reduce infection within healthcare facilities; and discuss a series of U.S. infection prevention success stories.

The event will feature opening remarks by Betsy McCaughey, Ph.D., former Lieutenant Governor of New York and Chairman of the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths, and an interactive panel discussion.

- WHO:**
- Betsy McCaughey, Ph.D., Chairman of the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths
 - Kathleen Meehan Arias, MS, MT (ASCP), CIC, Director of Arias Infection Control Consulting, LLC, and Specialist in Public Health and Medical Laboratory Microbiology
 - Stephen Brecher, Ph.D., Director of Microbiology Laboratories at Boston VA Healthcare System, and Assistant Professor of Pathology, Boston University School of Medicine
 - Ella S. Dade, RN, Director of Special Projects, ER One Institute at Washington Hospital Center
 - Jeffery Trogolo, Ph.D., Chief Technology Officer, AgION Technologies, Inc.

WHEN: Thursday, June 22, 2006
Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30am
Program begins at 8:00am and will conclude at 9:30am

WHERE: Fairmont Copley Plaza, Venetian Room
138 St. James Avenue, Boston, MA

There is no charge for attending this event. RSVPs are strongly encouraged as space is limited. To RSVP call 781-224-7111 or hai_accept@agion-tech.com. Media inquiries should be directed to Kate Casolaro at 617-443-9933 x338 or kcasolaro@rasky.com.