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# News Release

## **NEW NAME AND LOOK FOR A HAND-HYGIENE CLASSIC**

### **Leading Hospital Hand Wipes Kill 99.99% of Germs Including MRSA**

Professional Disposables International, Inc (PDI) is pleased to announce that new Sani-Hands<sup>®</sup> ALC Antimicrobial Alcohol Gel Hand Wipes have replaced Sani-Dex<sup>®</sup> ALC Antimicrobial Alcohol Gel Hand Wipes. This is a name and reorder number change only – Sani-Hands<sup>®</sup> ALC has the same formulation as Sani-Dex<sup>®</sup> ALC. Now part of the Sani-Hands<sup>®</sup> Family, the name modification allows customers to recognize and purchase the same product from consumer retail store shelves. In addition to 135-count canisters and 100-count boxes containing individual packets, a new 220-count canister and 1000 bulk individual packets are now available. Shipping of the newly designed bright blue-and-white Sani-Hands<sup>®</sup> ALC canisters and packets will begin in January 2008.

Sani-Hands<sup>®</sup> ALC Antimicrobial Alcohol Gel Hand Wipes are proven effective at killing 99.99%<sup>1</sup> of harmful bacteria including MRSA (Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus) but also remove soil from hands because of the friction of the wipe. The natural friction of the wiping action is an important function rub-in alcohol hand washes cannot achieve. Gels, foams, and rinses kill germs, but leave debris and soil behind.

Sani-Hands<sup>®</sup> ALC Antimicrobial Alcohol Gel Hand Wipes are made from a non-woven cloth that is saturated with an ethyl alcohol gel solution that is fragrance and dye-free. In addition, Sani-Hands<sup>®</sup> ALC is non-drying to skin and clinically proven to moisturize skin after repeated use.<sup>2</sup>

“Proper hand hygiene in healthcare is the single most important means for prevention of infection transmission,” says Jean Fleming, RN, MPM, CIC, Clinical Director Infection Prevention and Education, PDI. “Even though healthcare professionals use alcohol-based

rub-in type products, an independent laboratory study shows higher microbial counts on the subjects' hands because of the wiping action.”<sup>2</sup> Sani-Hands<sup>®</sup> ALC Wipes are ideal because they kill bacteria, physically remove bacteria and soil, contain moisturizers and come in convenient quick-pull canisters or pocket packets.“

For 30 years, PDI has pioneered the development, testing, manufacturing and marketing of pre-moistened wipes as the optimum delivery system for skin antiseptics, hand hygiene, patient and surface care. With trusted brands including Sani-Cloth<sup>®</sup>, Sani-Hands<sup>®</sup> ALC, Sani-Hands<sup>®</sup> for Kids, Hygea<sup>®</sup> and Chlorascrub<sup>™</sup>, PDI serves the healthcare market through hospitals, physician and dental offices, emergency medical services, long-term care, schools and a variety of other healthcare facilities. Professional Disposables International, Inc. is headquartered in Orangeburg, New York. For more information, visit [www.pdipdi.com](http://www.pdipdi.com).

<sup>1</sup>*Myoscience Labs, In-Vitro Time Kill Studies for 28 Microorganisms, June 28, 2004*

<sup>2</sup>*Independent Study*

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