New products and services briefing

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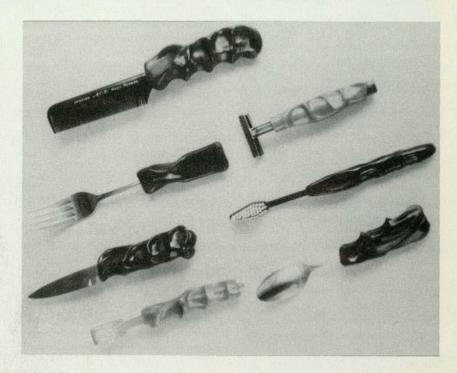
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Benchtop centrifuge

The StatSpin®III centrifuge is a multi-purpose machine. It processes hematocrit test in two minutes using less than 10 γ L of blood. Urine sediment for microscopic examination is available in 45 seconds. The self-balancing design offers quiet operation—as low as 55 dB. The unit measures 6 \times 9 in and weighs 5 pounds. For more information, contact StatSpin® Technologies, 588 Pleasant St, Norwood, MA 02062 (617) 551-0100.

Grip aid

Appropriate for arthritics and prosthetic users, My-Grip™ high friction material can be heat molded to a variety of utensils, toothbrushes, door knobs, and other objects that require a firm grip. Made of chemical resistant, nonconductive material with rubber-like resiliency, the device can be molded to match the person's hand contour in two minutes. For more information, contact Hold-It, Inc, PO Box 611391, Port Huron, MI 48061-1391 (313) 984-4213.



Disseminated intravascular coagulation test

This latex agglutination test for D-Dimer measures actual clot lysis using monoclonal technology for specificity. The D-Di Test quantities is not affected by heparin, high fibrinogen levels, or fibrinogen degradation product adsorption onto the clot. Results are expressed in fibrinogen equivalent units (FEU) with expected normal values less than 0.5 yg/mL FEU. For more information, contact American Bioproducts Co, 601 N Jefferson Rd, Parsippany, NJ 07054, (800) 242-7360 or (201) 428-2930.

Protective laboratory coat

The ProTek® laboratory coat features an antimicrobial finish that re-

sists contamination from viruses and bacteria. The cuff closures offer additional protection when worn with gloves. The fabric resists soiling and wrinkles minimally. For more information, contact Action Line, 3633 W Miller Rd, Garland, TX 75041 (214) 341-7300.

Stain remover

Iodine-based stains, silver nitrate stains, and stains from antiseptic cleaners with chlorhexidine gluconate can be removed with Rowan HC 387. The liquid stain remover can be used as a presoak treatment to prevent stains from forming on fabrics, carpets, or floors. For more information, contact Rowan Chemicals, Inc, Box 124, Bayside, NY 11361 (718) 428-0200.



Inspiratory muscle trainer

Suitable for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, the Threshold inspiratory muscle training device features a spring-loaded valve that blocks airflow. The patient must produce enough inspiratory pressure to overpower this spring force. Intensity levels, set by the practitioner, can be increased as needed. For more information, contact HealthScan Products, Inc, 908 Pompton Ave, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009-1292 (201) 239-3139.

Computer-assisted spirometer

Forced vital capacity, forced expiratory volume, forced expiratory flow rate, respiratory rate, and maximum voluntary ventilation are some of the measurements made by the Spiroscan 2000. Results are given on the liquid crystal display as well as on a hard copy printout. Pre- and postbronchodilator tests and percentage of change can be printed as well. The device can be totally autoclaved or chemically sterilized to prevent cross contamination among patients. For more information, contact Brentwood Instruments, Inc, 3425 Lomita Blvd, Torrance, CA 90505 (800) 624-8950, (800) 523-8241, or (213) 530-5955.

Telethermographic scanning device

Soft tissue dysfunctions, such as intervertebral disc deterioration and dermatome irregularities, can be diagnosed with the Teletherm Mark 1026. This in-office system features an infra-red scanner, color jet printer, monochrome monitor, computer with keyboard, and color monitor. The device can recall up to four different images simultaneously. Scans may also be stored and recalled at a later date without affecting the original clarity. For more information, contact PM-100 Group Ltd, 3447 US 19 N, Clearwater, FL 34621 (813) 785-5844.

Vascular screening system

The Imexlab 3000 diagnoses such peripheral arterial and venous diseases as carotid disease, deep vein thrombosis, venous incompetency, as well as the monitoring of adequate blood flow. The graph for specific tests is automatically set using one knob. Two doppler probes, a photoplethysmography (PPG) probe, accessory package, training, and one-year warranty complete the system. For more information, contact Imex Medical Systems, Inc, 6355 Joyce Dr, Golden, CO 80403 (800) 525-2519 or (303) 431-9400.

AIDS news service

Dialcom, Inc, offers a morning online news service on the acquired immune deficiency sydrome (AIDS). The daily file features approximately 15 summaries of important stories delivered to subscribers via a personal computer or communicating terminal with a modem. Telex or fascimile machine reception is also available. Topics covered include research, treatment and prevention, legislation and litigation, public policy, confidentiality and discrimination.

The service is offered in consultation with the Public Health Foundation and the Whitman-Walker Clinic, both located in Washington, DC. The information is prepared by editors and abstractors from across the country. For more information, contact Dialcom, Inc, 6120 Executive Blvd, Rockville, MD 20852 (301) 881-9020.

Antibiotic for otitis externa

Nonirritating, PediOtic™ Suspension (polymxin B sulfate-neomycin sulfate-hydrocortisone) is an antibacterial, anti-inflammatory preparation with an minimum acidic pH of 4.1. Intended for children sensitive to conventional otitis externa therapy, this agent is effective against Staphylococcus aureus, Escherichia coli, Hemophilus influenzae, Klebsiella-Enterobacter and Neisseria species, as well as Pseudomonas aeruginosa. For more information, contact Burroughs Wellcome Co, 3030 Cornwallis Rd, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (919) 248-3000.

Antimicrobial waterless hand foam

Derma Stat[®] foam, derived from ethyl alcohol (65% by volume), needs no water to be effective against grampositive and gram-negative bacteria, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, and yeast. This antiseptic contains an emollient to prevent irritation with repeated use. For more information, contact Minnetonka Medical, PO Box 1A, Minnetonka, MN 55343 (800) 328-5928 or (612) 448-4181.

Electronic stethoscope

Two diaphragm sizes, three bell sizes, and a frequency response range of 20 Hz to more than 1600 Hz are the main features of the electronic MX2 Sprague-Rappaport stethoscope. For more information, contact Medmax, 4664 Glencoe Dr, Denver, CO 80216 (303) 388-0822.

Disposable patient cover-ups

The Patient Throw is a plastic snap off cover-up that is dispensed from a standard size paper towel holder. Measuring 26×36 in, the disposable cover-up comes in rolls of 100 and is available in biscayne blue, hospital white, or clear. For more infomration, contact Hooker Sales Co, PO Box 295, 700 Lakeshore Blvd, Tavares, FL 32778 (904) 343-5171.

Catheter angioplasty balloon

The Prime® angioplasty catheter features a flexible, tapered tip designed to reduce trauma to vessel linings. Rapid balloon deflation facilitates rapid return of blood flow. For more information, contact Medtronic, Inc, 7000 Central Ave, NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-3576 (612) 574-4000.

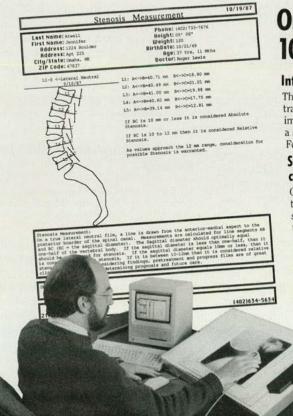
Three-dimensional Doppler system

The Trans-Scan® transcranial Donpler scanner tracks, documents, and records the position of the sample volume within the circle of Willis and its branches. A three-dimensional. color-coded, ultrasonic arteriogram is produced. Hand-held transducers permit extracranial carotid and peripheral studies. Other capabilities include detection of intracranial stenoses and occlusions: evaluation of collateral capacities; and the confirmation of proper shunt placement. For more information, contact Carolina Medical Electronics, Inc. PO Box 307, King, NC 27021 (909) 983-5132.

Oral morphine

MS Contin[®] tablets are now available in 60-mg tablets in addition to a 30-mg strength. The 60-mg morphine tablets provide cancer patients with up to 12 hours of pain relief.

MSIR® oral solution, available in 5 mL unit-dose cups, comes in 10 mg/5 mL and 20 mg/5 mL, and is indicated for moderate to severe pain. It is vanilla-flavored to mask the bitter taste of morphine. For more information on the tablets or liquid morphine, contact Purdue Frederick Co, 100 Connecticut Ave, Norwalk, CT 06856 (203) 853-0123.



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