

PRESS RELEASE

Managing risk through quality: Ansell Healthcare's innovative Gammex® glove range on display at Arab Health 2009

Most comprehensive medical glove offering in the Middle-East

Brussels - December 19, 2008. Ansell Healthcare, a global leader in barrier protective solutions having a 114-year history of R&D, will be showcasing the most recent offerings at the Arab Health fair in Dubai, from 26 to 29 January 2009 (Hall 6 Booth E10). Ansell invites healthcare workers to discover its comprehensive Gammex® range including the latest innovations in medical gloves and breakthroughs in safety. Ansell Healthcare is also a sponsor of the Health Investment Seminar organised in partnership with the Ministry of Health of the Government of The Republic of Iraq in Dubai on the 24th and 25th of January 2009.

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At the Ansell booth (Hall 6 Booth E10), visitors will discover the **Gammex® PF** (powder free) glove range in both latex and synthetic materials. The flagship of Ansell's surgical glove offering has been embraced by healthcare workers the world over for its combination of superior protection, comfort and great sensitivity. Gammex® PF is considered to be one of the safest surgical gloves on the market, with 'undetected' allergen levels, according to FITkit® tests.

The range includes *Gammex® PF HydraSoft®*, which hydrates the skin during use; the *Gammex® PF Underglove* designed specifically for double donning; the *Gammex® PF Micro-Thin™* and the *Gammex® PF Sensitive™*, dedicated to microsurgery and cosmetic surgery.

Marked switch to powder-free gloves

"We are already seeing a marked switch from powdered to powder-free gloves in Middle East healthcare practices" explains Werner Heintz, Ansell's Senior Vice President and Regional Director EMEA. "Before choosing synthetic materials, the first step in allergy prevention remains the reduction of allergens borne by powder, and in the latex formulation itself. According to us, quality powder-free latex gloves are an irreversible trend for the region."

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Because Natural Rubber Latex (NRL) remains the recommended choice for barrier protection, Ansell Healthcare has been an early champion of powder-free latex gloves. On the prevention side, the company has optimised its NRL gloves to reduce water-soluble chemical residues, proteins and allergens. Another step towards prevention, the HydraSoft® hydrating technology, was integrated into the inner coating of Gammex® PF surgical gloves, helping to protect the skin's natural barrier when this is attacked by scrubbing and antiseptics. Samples, available from sizes 5.5 (extra small) to 9.5 (extra large), will be available at the booth.

As an alternative to NRL, Ansell invites visitors to test samples of the improved Gammex® PF DermaPrene® and the new Gammex® PF IsoDerm®. First launched in 2004, the neoprene **Gammex® PF DermaPrene®** surgical gloves are powder free, latex free, and accelerator free, and have become surgeons' first choice in synthetic gloves throughout Europe. The Gammex® PF DermaPrene® glove provides an ideal solution to avoiding Type I and minimising Type IV allergies for healthcare professionals and patients.

Another advanced non-latex glove on show is the newly launched **Gammex® PF IsoDerm®**. Protein free, Gammex® PF IsoDerm® is made from polyisoprene. It was developed for operating room personnel, of which 8 to 10 % is diagnosed with latex allergy. In extensive end-user trials in European hospitals, surgeons and nurses expressed almost unanimous appreciation of the gloves' comfort, close fit and soft 'touch and feel'. The Gammex® PF IsoDerm® is intended for OR workers with a type I latex allergy and/or who treat patients with such an allergy. This synthetic glove is also highly recommended for emergency and rescue services, and especially for childcare where precautionary measures should be taken.

Information the first step in prevention

In a bid to provide healthcare professionals with the best possible information and advice on glove-related latex allergy management, Ansell's offers its international educational programme, **AnsellCares®**. With on-line and off-line seminars and continuing education on infection control, prevention and treatment of latex allergies, it is endorsed by reputable independent allergy and medical experts from around the globe. The AnsellCares® platform shares know-how with healthcare communities around the world, attracting an increasing number of participants through its large panel of white papers, self-study guides and continuing education courses. Catering to nursing staff and hospital managers alike, AnsellCares® resources will be on display at the Ansell Healthcare booth.

An extensive range of white papers issued for AnsellCares by medical specialists can be consulted free-of-charge on the following website:

http://www.ansell.be/medical/index.cfm?page=spec-prog_latex&lang=EN

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The hazards of using powdered gloves, and recommendations and comparison charts of NRL gloves versus various synthetic glove materials are examined in detail. Surgical and nursing staff wishing to discuss these issues in further detail are invited to come to the Ansell booth at Arab Health 2009.

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About Ansell

Ansell Limited is a global leader in barrier protective products. With operations in the Americas, Europe and Asia, Ansell employs more than 11,000 people worldwide and holds leading positions in the natural latex and synthetic polymer glove and condom markets. Ansell operates in three main business segments: Occupational Healthcare, supplying hand protection to the industrial market; Professional Healthcare, supplying surgical and examination gloves to healthcare professionals; and Consumer Healthcare, supplying condoms and consumer hand protection. Information on Ansell and its products can be found at <http://www.ansell.eu>.

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