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2014 Decontaminator of the Year Award and the Robert Hilbodt Award Are Announced at the Annual MSHCSP Conference

Fraser, MI, June 4, 2014 - At the recent Michigan Society of Hospital Central Service Personnel (MSHCSP) Conference held in Sterling Heights, Michigan, Healthmark announced that Mary Velasco is the winner of the IAHCSSM's 2014 Anne Cofiell Decontaminator of the Year Award. Velasco is the CSSD Manager at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital and has over 35 years of experience in the Sterile Processing field, including as past President of MSHCSP.

Sponsored by Healthmark The Anne Cofiell Decontaminator of the Year Award is given out annually by IAHCSSM. This award recognizes an individual that demonstrates exceptional understanding of the importance of decontamination in their workplace environment. The winner receives \$1,000 toward expenses to attend the annual IAHCSSM Conference and also receives a commemorative plaque.

Also during the MSHCSP Conference, Ray Taurasi was presented the Robert Hilbodt Award. The award is named for one of the founding members of the Association and is MSHCSP's way of recognizing industry leaders who have contributed significantly not just to the profession of sterile processing, but also to the Michigan Society.

Taurasi is the Eastern Regional Director of Clinical Sales and Services for Healthmark Industries. His healthcare career spans over three decades as an Administrator, Educator, Technologist and Consultant. His dedication to the healthcare field and community service has won him international recognition and several prestigious awards and a Mayoral proclamation of "Ray Taurasi Day" in the City of Boston.

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About the Decontaminator of the Year Award

This award was established in honor of Anne Cofiell, CRCST, FCS. Anne was an active member of IAHCSSM until her retirement in 2006. Anne served as the IAHCSSM representative to AAMI where she chaired numerous working groups. Anne also authored many articles and spoke on CSSD topics at IAHCSSM conferences and at numerous educational programs around the country. She was well connected in Washington D.C. and was an advocate on behalf of the CSSD industry for the regulation of reuse of single-use devices to include the importance of proper cleaning instructions.