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**NELSON LABORATORIES AND HEALTHMARK HAVE JOINED FORCES TO
OFFER A SURVEILLANCE TOOL FOR TESTING OF DUODENOSCOPES**

SALT LAKE CITY, UT AND FRASER, MI – May 17, 2016 – Nelson Laboratories and Healthmark Industries today announced the introduction of an Endoscope Sampling Kit for the random testing of duodenoscopes in compliance with CDC guidelines.

Endoscope manufacturers, regulatory bodies and healthcare facilities are increasingly concerned about the spread of communicable diseases, including clinically relevant microorganisms, on reprocessed medical devices. Healthmark Industries and Nelson Laboratories have joined forces to create an endoscope sampling kit for the purpose of monitoring and reporting objective results from clinical scopes.

Everything necessary to collect and send a sample from a reprocessed endoscope for testing to determine the presence or absence of objectionable microorganisms will be provided in the kit offered by Healthmark. The sample will be sent by the healthcare facility to Nelson Labs for independent testing of the sample for the presence of any microorganisms. If present, the organisms will be identified and quantified.

The Endoscope Sampling Kit is intended to be used as a proficiency assessment for healthcare practices and not as a safety assessment for the reprocessed scope (not a “fitness for use” test). This surveillance assessment is important to help the clinical user determine if their scope is safe for use, requires additional reprocessing, requires additional testing or should be quarantined. The kit and related tests are intended as another help to assess the adequacy of healthcare facility scope reprocessing.

The Kit will be featured at the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates Convention beginning this Sunday, May 22nd in Seattle, WA. Visit booth #125 for a demonstration and to learn more.

About Nelson Laboratories

Established in 1985, Nelson Laboratories is a leading provider of microbiological testing and consulting services for MedTech companies. We know that every test matters and requires solutions that improve patient outcomes and minimize client risk. We call it “The Science of Success®.” It means working with customers to solve complex problems, providing precise test results, and delivering value through superior testing solutions and service to ensure the safety and efficacy of every product. Nelson Laboratories is a business unit of Sterigenics International LLC. Visit www.nelsonlabs.com for more information.

About Healthmark Industries Co., Inc.

Since 1969, Healthmark Industries Company, Inc. has developed and marketed innovative solutions to aid healthcare facilities in their delivery of surgical instruments and other lifesaving medical devices to patients. Healthmark Industries mission is to continue to innovate, support and serve the healthcare provider industry and support



services that make it possible to deliver quality healthcare. Visit www.hmark.com for more information or call 800-521-6224.

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