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John B. Kowalski, Ph.D. to Speak at the American Association of Tissue Banks Annual Meeting

Oak Brook, IL – August 18, 2010: The AATB will be holding their 34th annual meeting in National Harbor, Maryland, September 10-14, 2010 at the Gaylord National.

The event is tailored for physicians who are medical directors or pathologists; physician specialists, orthopaedic surgeons, burn surgeons and other professionals who rely on the use of allograft tissue in patient care and treatment. The program also caters to nurses; tissue bank specialists; quality assurance staff; and others involved in tissue banking.

Sterigenics International has assisted tissue banks with their sterilization needs for over twenty years. We are pleased to announce that staff specialist John Kowalski will be a guest speaker at this year's event.

Development of an In-Process Bioburden Test Method - September 13, 2010, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

John B. Kowalski, Ph.D., Sterigenics and Joel Osborne, CTBS, Vice President of Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs, Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation

This presentation will describe the development and validation of a quantitative bioburden determination method for allograft tissues and the results of testing of tissues from approximately 300 donors.

Radiation Sterilization - Application to Allografts - September 14, 2010, 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

John B. Kowalski, Ph.D., Sterigenics

This presentation will overview the technology of radiation sterilization, discuss validation methods and their application, and review new developments particularly those applicable to sterilization of allograft tissue. The use of the VD_{max} approach for tissue sterilization will also be discussed.

About Sterigenics International

Sterigenics International Inc. is a portfolio company of Silverfleet Capital and PPM America Capital Partners. Headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Oak Brook, IL, Sterigenics International is the only company in the world to offer technology in all leading sterilization modalities, including: gamma, ethylene oxide, electron beam, X-Ray, and steam. The company has more than 1,200 employees and operates 39 service centers in North America, Europe and Asia.