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Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council

HLAC Invites CLEAN 2019 Attendees To Visit Its Booth #4610 to Learn About Its New Process Monitoring ToolKit *'The Hubble Telescope of Microorganism Identification'*

PLAINFIELD, IL - June 12, 2019 - The Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC) will be formally introducing its new HLAC Laundry Process Monitoring ToolKit in Booth #4610 at The Clean Show - CLEAN 2019, which will be held June 20 - 23 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA.



Developed by HLAC, the new process monitoring toolkit (PMTK) validates the effectiveness of a laundry's processes by measuring the number of microorganisms found in a laundry on hard surfaces, in the air, on linen, in the water and on employee hands. HLAC is a nonprofit organization that inspects and accredits laundries processing textiles for hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare facilities.

"HLAC developed PMTK to respond to the challenge for operators to continually know how well their processes are performing and whether their standards are on target as originally intended," said Gregory Gicewicz, who heads the committee that developed the ToolKit on behalf of HLAC.

CLEAN 2019 attendees are encouraged to visit HLAC's Booth #4610 to learn more about PMTK. Available at the booth will be printed informational resources and an on-going video demonstration of the ToolKit. HLAC staff will also be on-hand. Online information about PMTK is available at www.PMTKnet.org.

According to HLAC, PMTK is vastly different in scale from anything else currently available in the industry. It employs an extraction technique designed to recover the most accurate representation of contamination on laundry media. With this data in hand, the laundry may adjust accordingly the effectiveness of its overall plant hygiene, wash and hand-hygiene processes.

"Responsible healthcare laundries go to great lengths to maintain the highest standards in the name of hygiene and infection prevention," Gicewicz said "Moreover, laundries that are accredited by HLAC have set in place

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numerous in-plant processes to provide their healthcare customers hygienically clean linen. Our ToolKit goes a long way to safeguarding all of these endeavors."

He added: "In simplified terms, our PMTK does for microorganism identification what the Hubble Telescope does for astronomy. Everything else that is currently available is like trying to look at the stars through a pair of opera glasses."

About HLAC

The Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC) is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of inspecting and accrediting laundries processing healthcare textiles for hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare facilities. Visit www.hlacnet.org and on Twitter [@NewsHlac](https://twitter.com/NewsHlac).

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