

PRESS RELEASE

# Owens & Minor Halyard Global Products And Belintra Announce EMEA-Based Sterilisation Packaging And Logistics Co-Marketing Agreement

Agreement combines Halyard Global Products Division, part of the Owens & Minor family's innovative and clinically-superior sterilisation wrap products with Belintra's unique storage and transport logistics flow system to provide comprehensive solution for fulfilling surgical instrument sterility

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DIEGEM and SEMMERZAKE, Belgium, March 1st, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Halyard Global Products Division, part of the Owens & Minor family and Belintra today announced a co-marketing arrangement to offer sterilisation packaging and logistics solutions in EMEA. By combining Halyard 's clinically-superior sterilisation wrap products with Belintra's innovative storage and transport logistics flow system for wrapped surgical instrument trays, the two companies will provide effective, comprehensive solutions for fulfilling surgical instrument sterility and help to improve hospitals' clinical efficiency.

"Halyard is continually working to identify opportunities to help our customers address challenges across healthcare delivery, including mitigating risks for healthcare-associated infections and readmissions," said Alex Hodges, VP Halyard Global Products Strategy. "Our co-marketing arrangement with Belintra will provide our customers with customizable, uniquely superior solutions for reducing opportunities for surgical instrument contamination, helping to ensure that sterility is maintained post-sterilisation through handling and transport to the operating room."

Halyard's high-performance SMART-FOLD™ and QUICK-CHECK™ sterilisation wraps provide industry-leading protection against contamination of surgical instruments. In a scientific study published in the *American Journal of Infection Control*, sterilisation wrap was shown to maintain 100 percent sterility post-sterilisation compared to rigid containers, of which 87 percent were positive for bacterial contamination post-sterilisation. With this co-marketing arrangement, Halyard customers will be able to purchase transport solutions through Belintra, including Belintra's Sterisystem™, which improves efficiencies with:

- The UBeFlex® storage system, which saves space, avoids stacking and improves the organization of sterile departments
- Perfo-Safe® baskets and shelves that reduce touchpoints for sterilized packages
- Dry-Base® instrument trays that reduce wet packs

"While demands on central service departments are ever evolving, patient safety remains hospitals' number one priority," said Kris Liesmons, CEO, Belintra. "We are pleased to have a promotion arrangement with Halyard to harness our collective capabilities to provide access to a one-of-a-kind solution that allows hospitals to benefit from the flexibility, cost and effectiveness of sterilisation wrap with a more efficient means for storage and transportation of wrapped instrument trays post-sterilisation."

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The Sterisystem™ will be promoted alongside Halyard's full portfolio of sterilisation wraps, representing a complete product portfolio for safeguarding instrument sterility, coupled with the dependable service and support Halyard customers have long relied on.

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### **About Halyard Global Products Division**

Halyard, now part of the Owens & Minor family, is focused on moving care forward. As the newly formed Global Products Division, Halyard clinically-superior infection prevention and surgical solutions feature sterilisation wrap, facial protection, gloves, protective apparel, surgical drapes and gowns and custom procedure trays. Our recognized portfolio is sold in more than 90 countries and holds leading market positions across the portfolio. For extensive company and product information, please visit <https://www.halyardhealth.co.uk>.

### **About Belintra**

Belintra NV, founded in 1965, is a leading provider of safe and smart healthcare logistics solutions with global headquarters in Belgium. For extensive company and product information, please visit [www.belintra.com](http://www.belintra.com).

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