

## MET News – November 2011

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#### Chemical Analysis

Do you make full use of chemical analysis in your medical device and manufacture?



Using our materials testing services can reduce costs significantly. In manufacture periodic verification of incoming materials and outgoing production can help prevent costly product recalls. When processes or manufacturing locations change, materials characterisation is the ideal method to validate the safety of any changes without resorting to toxicity testing.

In product development materials analysis can be used to reduce the biocompatibility testing burden. Both the FDA and the MHRA issue guidance which encourages chemical testing in place of toxicological testing.

FDA Guidance May 1, 1995 **Use of International Standard ISO-10993, 'Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices Part 1: Evaluation and Testing'** *'Some devices are made of materials that have been well characterized chemically and physically in the published literature and have a long history of safe use. For the purposes of demonstrating the substantial equivalence of such devices to other marketed products, it may not be necessary to conduct all the tests suggested in the FDA matrix of this guidance.'*

MHRA Guidance 5 EC MEDICAL DEVICES DIRECTIVES **GUIDANCE ON THE BIOLOGICAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT** Updated February 2011 Tells us that biocompatibility testing is used to complement materials assessments. Also, biological testing may not be required for well characterised materials.

#### Talk to Our Experts

Consultancy services from MET now encompass: quality systems implementation, audit practice, 510k and technical file compilation. Our engineers have worked on many devices over a great many years giving us expertise in risk analysis and project implementation. Particular areas of strength are: biocompatibility testing, functional testing, packaging validation, stability studies and much more.



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*Thought provoking snippets from MET – November 2011*

**The Wrong Road**

War is Hell we have been told  
By those who ought to know  
Yet when we're told "Go to it"  
Like witless sheep we go

Father to the war camps  
That stretch from pole to pole  
Glad to be a-doing after years upon the dole

Mother to the factories  
To learn to make a shell  
And help some other mother's son  
Along the road to Hell

Sonny out in theatre  
Not to watch a show  
Protecting our poor allies  
From the all destroying foe

Daughter in the ATS  
Behind a steering wheel  
And when she's fairly started  
Can make the road hogs squeal

They are reaching out for freedom  
Their leaders tell them so  
But who can gather Violets  
Where only Thistles grow

What an idiot world it is  
That we are living in  
Like a puppy getting madder  
With its head stuck in a tin

(Raymond Morris circa 1940)