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**SINGLE-USE DEVICE REPROCESSING TOOLKIT NOW AVAILABLE**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA (November 22, 2010)** – Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) interested in learning more about the best practices for reprocessing single-use devices can now download a free toolkit provided by the Ambulatory Surgery Center Quality Collaboration (ASC QC). The *Single-Use Device Reprocessing Toolkit* is part of the ASC QC's *ASC Tools for Infection Prevention (ASC TIPS)* initiative and the fifth in a series of free infection prevention resources now available on line.

ASC QC introduced its *ASC TIPS* series with a *Hand Hygiene Toolkit* posted on its web site last June. The other toolkits currently available on that web site focus on safe injection practices, point of care devices and environmental infection protection. Basic and expanded versions of all five toolkits are available. The basic versions include essential resources such as Medicare surveyor worksheets and policy guides. The expanded versions include assessment tools, implementation aids, training materials, monitoring tools, workplace reminders and guidelines from leading authorities on the topics the toolkits address.

The *ASC TIPS* toolkits are available at [www.ascquality.org/advancing\\_asc\\_quality.cfm](http://www.ascquality.org/advancing_asc_quality.cfm).

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**About the Ambulatory Surgery Center Quality Collaboration**

The Ambulatory Surgery Center Quality Collaboration is a group of organizations and companies that work together to ensure that ASC quality data are appropriately developed and reported and to identify specific measures for quality that are appropriate to ASCs. For more information about the ASC QC, visit [www.ascquality.org](http://www.ascquality.org).

**About the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association**

The ASC Association is the nation's leading ASC organization and represents more than 2,700 members, the professionals who provide care in ASCs and the patients who receive the high quality, cost-effective services ASCs provide. Visit the association online at [www.ascassociation.org](http://www.ascassociation.org).