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Salisbury District Hospital goes live with Acolyte Biomedica's BacLite<sup>® flex</sup> system for rapid MRSA screening.

Salisbury District Hospital has announced their decision to introduce Acolyte's new BacLite<sup>® flex</sup> Rapid MRSA system for screening of patients. Salisbury District Hospital has been one of the primary evaluation sites for this innovative new technology within the NHS.

Stuart Matthews, Laboratory Manager commented "As part of the evaluation process we were able to clearly identify the impact of this rapid technology on our screening programme. It's excellent performance enables us to screen for negatives within one working day delivering valuable information to our infection control team". He added, "We are introducing BacLite<sup>® flex</sup> Rapid MRSA for high risk areas starting with ITU, Acute Orthopaedics, In-patient contacts and Burns and plan to extend this to all in-patient screening in the future".

Tim Coombs, Chairman of Acolyte added "We are delighted that Salisbury District Hospital has decided to introduce the BacLite<sup>® flex</sup> Rapid MRSA system. We believe that the benefits identified at Salisbury will be of interest to other NHS Trusts in their efforts to address Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAI)".

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Bernie Almond, Divisional Director of BioStat Healthcare Ltd said " As the exclusive UK distributor of this innovative new technology we are confident that the routine introduction of the BacLite<sup>®</sup> *flex* *Rapid* MRSA system at Salisbury District Hospital will be followed by many opportunities in other NHS sites in the UK".



Acolyte's BacLite<sup>®</sup> *flex*

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## Note to editors:

### **BacLite®**

The BacLite system uses AK rapid® technology developed by the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl), an agency of the Ministry of Defence. BacLite®*flex* is the only available objective rapid screening test for MRSA which is culture based and therefore able to differentiate between viable and dead cells.

**Acolyte Biomedica Ltd** was formed in February 2000 and signed its first agreement with Dstl (then DERA) later that year. The Company has received venture funding from Angle PLC, Partnerships UK, Porton Capital and Dstl. [www.acolytebiomedica.com](http://www.acolytebiomedica.com)

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