

# **SURFACE RECOVERY KIT**

DEDICATED SOLUTION FOR FOOD, HOSPITAL AND PHARMA INDUSTRIES





# **DETECT THE INVISIBLE**

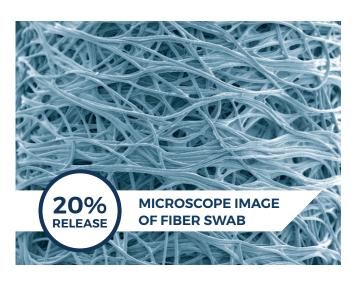


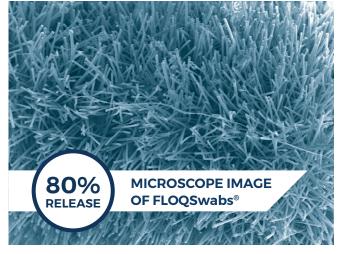
### WHAT IS FLOQSwabs®?

**FLOQSwabs®** is a solid **molded plastic applicator** shaft with a tip that can vary in size and shape. The tip of the applicator is **coated with short Nylon®** fibers that are arranged in a perpendicular pattern.

## WHY FLOQSwabs® in SRK® KIT?

The nylon-flocked swab (FLOQSwabs®) is designed to improve sample absorption by strong capillary action and to release more than 80% of the collected sample¹. This increases the efficiency in detecting microorganisms. Traditionally wrapped fiber swabs (rayon or polyester) trap in the fiber matrix a large percentage of the sample, releasing only 20% of it.







COPAN's SRK® is the most extensive range of ready to use environmental swabs. The product panels are designed for use in a broad range of environments, including food production and pharmaceutical sites, as well as hospital wards to determine the microbial bioburden.



# **HOSPITAL INFECTIONS (HAI)**

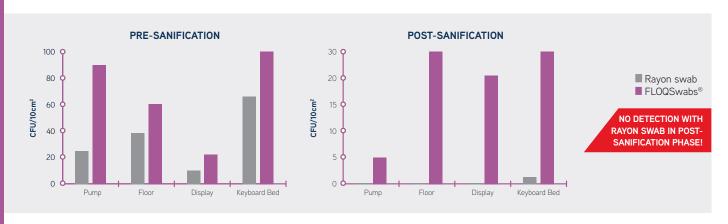
Contaminated surfaces play an important role in the endemic and epidemic transmission of pathogens.

These pathogens have the ability to be shed from infected or colonized patients, to survive on dry surfaces for extended periods, and are difficult to be eradicate by cleaning and disinfection.



#### ARE YOU SURE YOUR SURFACE IS CLEAN?

Comparison of samples collected with Rayon swab vs FLOQSwabs® in CFU Pre-Sanification and CFU Post-Sanification<sup>2</sup>



#### **LET'S FIND THE SUPERBUGS!**



To limit multiple drug resistance (MDR) outbreaks, hospitals must verify the effectiveness of their sanitizing method. In this case history<sup>3</sup> as shown in QR code, the **SRK**<sup>®</sup> and **FLOQSwabs**<sup>®</sup> in the **pre-sanitization** phase collected different microorganisms including Vancomycin-Resistant *Enterococcus faecium* (VRE).





MICROBIAL MONITORING







#### SUPERBUGS WILL KILL "MORE THAN CANCER" BY 2050

SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM OF ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIAL CONTAMINATION
IS ESSENTIAL TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS AND PATIENT CROSS-CONTAMINATION<sup>5</sup>







# STUDIES EXPLORE THE SCIENTIFIC CORNER



### **FOOD FACTORY**

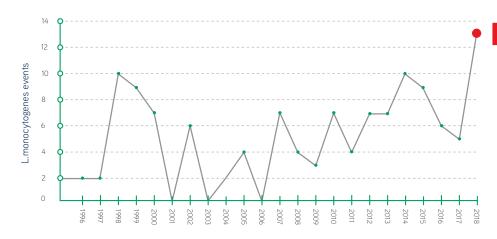
Food-borne zoonotic diseases represent a serious and widespread threat to public health.

The transmission of these pathogens occurs through a wide variety of food products, prepared at home or an industrial scale<sup>4</sup>.



#### LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES? NO THANKS!

From 1996 through 2018, 123 listeria events were identified in the ProMED database. As we can see in the chart below, the past 20 years have witnessed an increase in *L. monocytogenes* events<sup>6</sup>.



#### **OUTBREAK IN SOUTH AFRICA**

The outbreak in South Africa (2017-18) was the largest Listeria outbreak to date, with more than 1000 laboratory-confirmed cases and more than 200 fatalities.

The outbreak strain was also identified in the manufacturer processing environment of the implicated product.



SRK® IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ISO 18593:20187









# PHARMA/COSMETICS

Contaminated environments can lead to product recalls, regulatory observations, fines, or even consumer deaths. Inside cleanrooms, environmental monitoring programs can identify potential source of contamination, allowing the implementation of corrective actions.



#### TRIPLE PACKAGING: DESIGNED FOR PHARMA'S CLEANROOMS

All collection steps until the final cleanroom have a dedicated envelope. Triple packaging is designed to guarantee the maximum efficiency in your workflow.

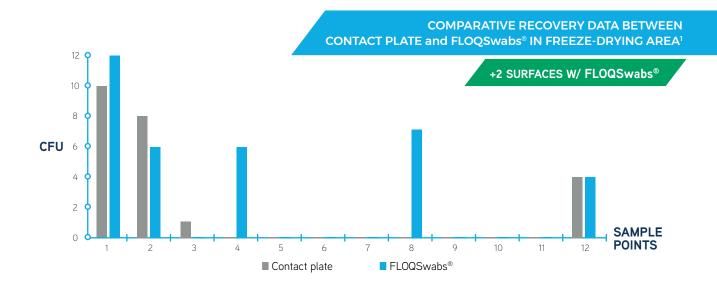


A low level of contamination is very difficult to detect, especially inside hidden parts of equipment or on articulated surfaces. **FLOQSwabs**®, in comparison with contact plate, **is able to**:

















<sup>1</sup>Qualification of High-Recovery, Flocked Swabs as Compared to Traditional Rayon Swabs for Microbiological Environmental Monitoring of Surfaces - Giblerto Dalmaso, Manuela Bini, Roberto Paroni and Michela Ferrari

<sup>2</sup>New Sampling Approach to Detect Environmental Microbial Contamination in Italian Hospital Wards - Marco Ferrari, Adriano Anesi Unit of Hospital Hygiene, Laboratory of Microbiology, ASST of Lodi, Italy

<sup>3</sup> Surveillance Program of Environmental Microbial Contamination in Italian Health Care Facilities - Marco Ferrari, Matteo Beffa, Adriano Anesi Unit of Hospital Hygiene, University of Brescia, Italy, Laboratory of Microbiology, ASST of Lodi Italy

4 Strengthening surveillance of and response to foodborne diseases: a practical manual. Investigating foodborne disease outbreaks

<sup>5</sup>The Review on Antimicrobial Resistance - The global challenge of drug-resistant infections - Hala Audi

<sup>6</sup> Changing epidemiology of Listeria monocytogenes outbreaks, sporadic cases, and recalls globally: A review of ProMED reports from 1996 to 2018

 $^{7}\,\mathrm{Only}$  for section regarding swab stick treatment/sampling/transport



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