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BACTEC FX MICROBIAL DETECTION SYSTEMS
C. W. Thomas cited for its role as supplier

Philadelphia, PA April 6, 2009 C. W. Thomas has been cited for its role as supplier for a 2009 Medical Design Excellence Award winning product. Working with The Bressler Group Inc. C. W. Thomas was supplier for the Bactec FX Microbial Detection System.

The Medical Design Excellence Awards competition is organized and presented by Canon Communications LLC (Los Angeles) and is the only awards program that **exclusively recognizes contributions and advances in the design of medical products.**

Entries are evaluated on the basis of their **design and engineering features**, including **innovative use of materials**, user-related functions that improve healthcare delivery and change traditional medical attitudes or practices, features that provide enhanced benefits to the patient, and the **ability of the product development team to overcome design and engineering challenges** so that the product meets its clinical objectives.

A comprehensive review of the entries was performed by an impartial, multidisciplinary panel of third-party jurors with expertise in biomedical engineering, human factors, industrial design, medicine and diagnostics.

*“We are honored that our contributions to The Bressler Group have been recognized with such a **Prestigious Award**,” said John A. Vigna, President and CEO of C. W. Thomas “Our Company is very focused and committed to the medical and scientific instruments sector and the challenges and opportunities that make it such an exciting arena.”*

The 2009 Medical Design Excellence Award winners will be honored at a ceremony during the Medical Design & Manufacturing (MD & M) East Conference and Exposition, June 9-11, 2009, at New York City’s Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, Gold and Silver award recipients will also be announced at that time.