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825 University Avenue, Norwood, MA



***PLANT TOUR & Dinner
Testing Trends in the
Medical Device Market***

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**Director, Medical Device &
Biomaterial Markets**

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Abstract

Instron has been providing testing solutions to a vast number of industries since its start in the labs of MIT in 1946. As of late, they have been realigning their organization to meet the changing needs of the medical device industry. A more application-centric view of product development with a focus on reliability, ergonomics, and ease of use has been the cornerstone of this transition. Within the industry, their test systems are used to evaluate everything including sutures, casts, surgical gloves, hip replacements, face shields, scalpels, needles, replacement organs and much more. Most recently, they have supplied sophisticated testing systems that aid in the development of drug eluting stents and specialized stent-based heart valve replacements. They continue to ramp up interactions with key manufacturers, the FDA, and standardization committees to insure that the testing of new medical devices provides safe and reliable products.

Our Speaker

James Ritchey is the Director, Medical Devices and Biomaterials Markets at **Instron** (Norwood, MA). With over 24 years of experience at Instron in roles ranging from engineering to sales to service to marketing, he now focuses on the medical device industry, key account management, technology development, collaboration, and acquisition activities. He received a BS in Materials Science and Engineering from Cornell University and an MBA from Cleveland State University and is active in several ASTM F04.30 committees.

Reserve by calling 800-467-1057 or by going to <http://www.asmboston.org/Calendar.htm> and clicking on the reservations link. Instron has graciously offered a buffet dinner, and there is no charge for this event.

Make your reservations early. Please call or email no later than Tuesday September 15th.

5:00pm-5:15pm	Welcome/Introductions
5:15pm-6:30pm	Tours (3 sections: Manufacturing/In-lining, AppLab/Biotesting, Calib. Lab.)
6:30pm-8:00pm	Dinner & "Evolutions and Trends in Bio-Testing" Presentation

Directions: http://www.instron.us/wa/corporate/locations/norwood_directions.aspx