

Press Release

Steelco & R-SOLUTION: the Italian company leader in Infection Control will exclusively distribute the R-APPIT packaging robot for automatizing the sterile packaging process at instrument reprocessing sites.

On June 17, 2021, a partnership agreement between Steelco and R-SOLUTION Medical, an innovative Dutch start-up, was signed. It appoints the Italian company, member of the Miele Group, as the exclusive distributor of the new R-APPIT technology in Northern Europe in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, and the Netherlands. The firm will also provide the partner start-up with service support. Thanks to its comprehensive network, Steelco is the perfect match for assuring reliable service protocols.

R-APPIT was developed to automatize packaging procedures involving wrapped trays at high-capacity sterilization sites. Since premiering at the 2019 World Federation for Hospital Sterilization Sciences Congress, the packing robot has been installed at the Radboud University Medical Center in Nijmegen (Netherlands) and will be installed beginning of this October at the Jeroen Bosch Hospital in Den Bosch (Netherlands).

The automatic packaging and labelling of surgical sets performed by the R-APPIT robot offers considerable advantages over manual procedures in terms of speed of execution, consistency, logistics, minimizing the risk of human error or contamination whilst maintaining packaging integrity.

Redefining together technical processes through innovation

For Steelco, one of the world's leading manufacturers of washing, disinfection and sterilization solutions in the medical, research and pharmaceutical fields, the R-APPIT adds one more piece to its path of redefinition and technological innovation in instrument reprocessing for enhanced efficiency, sustainability and safety for staff and patients.

This progress in recent years has led Steelco to redefine processes with innovative patents and solutions, such as the revolutionary *4D Sensor*, the only tool guaranteeing direct control of sterilization conditions, or *Power Pulse Cleaning* that improves the cleaning of the most complex instruments and loads whilst reducing manual processes.

The R-APPIT robot will be present at the 21st World Sterilization Congress where R-SOLUTION and Steelco look forward to seeing you.

Steelco SpA
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