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**K**evin O'Donnell is Director & Chief Technical Advisor to Industry for Tegrant Corporation, ThermoSafe Brands. He retired in 2005 from Abbott Laboratories, as Principle Packaging Engineer, and was responsible for the design, development, qualification and implementation of all temperature controlled distribution packaging for the Abbott Global Pharmaceutical Division. His 26 year career at Abbott included more than 20 years of temperature assurance packaging experience in the Diagnostics Division, the International Division, and Global Pharmaceutical Operations Logistics and Supply Chain.

His latest endeavors are focused on “from the top-down” improvements in cold chain management and distribution. Much of his time is spent as Chair of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals & Perishables Board Time & Temperature Task Force (the first non-airline member ever to be elected to such a post). The cross-industry task force is currently revising IATA’s Perishable Cargo Regulations Chapter 17 “Air Transport Logistics for Temperature-Sensitive Healthcare Products,” establishing a Quality Management System for airlines and their partners, and developing a standardized handling label specific to time- and temperature-sensitive healthcare products.

In addition, Mr. O'Donnell is a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Task Force on Regulatory Oversight on Pharmaceutical Cold Chain Management, and a founding member of the Parenteral Drug Association Pharmaceutical Cold Chain Discussion Group (PDA-PCCDG, now the PCCIG), and co-author of the Cold Chain Guidance Document for Medicinal Products: Maintaining the Quality of Temperature-Sensitive Medicinal Products Through the Transportation Environment, PDA Technical Report #39.

As an author and educator, Mr. O'Donnell is well respected throughout the Pharmaceutical industry in the US and in Europe as a leading advocate for implementing good cold-chain distribution practices. He has co-created and co-administers a two-day cold-chain management training course Global Regulations and Standards: Influences on Cold Chain Distribution, Packaging, Testing and Transport Systems as a member of the faculty for the Parenteral Drug Association Training Research Institute, and is active in providing his knowledge and expertise to industry as well as remaining deeply involved with drafting guidance.

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Mr. O'Donnell has published many papers and articles on the topic of cold-chain management and is a contributing editor to Contract Pharma Magazine, and has created and hosts the first-ever blog site dedicated to pharmaceutical cold-chain distribution. "Where Cooler Heads Prevail" <http://www.coolerheadsblog.com/> is an open discussion forum on all matters related to cold-chain. The blog receives over 20,000 views per month.

## **Industry affiliations:**

A founding member of the Parenteral Drug Association A member of the Canadian Association for Pharmacy Distribution Management (CAPDM) Temperature Control Sub-committee,

Advisory Board Member at Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, Masters Thesis Program for Packaging.

Member of the Parenteral Drug Association

Member International Safe Transport Association (ISTA)

Certified Packaging Professional (CPP), and a member of the Institute of Packaging Professionals

In addition to consulting to the health care industry on cold-chain management and distribution practices, he is a frequent program chair, speaker, and presenter at numerous industry conferences.

