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National College of Natural Medicine Adopts Emerson's Quality Program

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BEDFORD, N.H.—**Emerson Ecologics**, a provider of professional-grade nutritional supplements for the healthcare practitioner market, announced the Emerson Quality Program (EQP) has been adopted by the National College of Natural Medicine in Portland, OR, as its premier supplier qualification program. The EQP, **a quality assurance program for the nutritional supplement industry**, emphasizes compliance to FDA Dietary Supplement cGMPs (current Good Manufacturing Processes), thorough raw material supplier and contract manufacturer qualification, and comprehensive raw material and finished product testing. The National College of Natural Medicine (NCCNM) is implementing a quality assurance program (QAP) to assess and qualify suppliers of dietary supplements for use in its NCCNM Clinic Medicinary; the first of two tiers contains EQP Partners, who will not need to undergo additional quality evaluation from NCCNM's QAP. EQP, EQP Silver, and EQP Gold Partners are Emerson-distributed brands that have met the Emerson Quality Program's quality standards.

"As part of NCCNM's ongoing commitment to quality, the NCCNM Medicinary has adopted the use of the Emerson Quality Program to verify the quality of many of the dietary supplements that we provide to our patients," said Jennifer Brusewitz, ND, NCCNM Medicinary Development supervisor. "The EQP is a rigorous supplier qualification program which relies upon documentation audits, on-site audits and product testing in order to qualify its participating brands."

For more on QA, attend the SupplySide MarketPlace education session, "**Best Practices in Quality Assurance and Control: Monitoring Supply and Detecting Adulteration / Contamination**," on Thursday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, Javits Center, New York.