



RENATO ACOSTA

Technical Service Engineer

Renato Acosta is a technical service engineer at Eastman, supporting film and sheet extrusion in the rigid medical packaging and heavy gauge sheet areas. Acosta obtained his bachelor's and master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso and an M.B.A. from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He worked for three years as a mechanical design engineer for an automotive electronics company and has held several positions within Eastman supporting the Fibers division. Acosta joined the Specialty Plastics group in late 2018, where he provides extrusion technical service support to the rigid medical packaging market and applications development/technical service support to the heavy-gauge sheet market, specifically the packaging, retail and architecture, and durables segments.

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TINA BARRETT

Product Stewardship and Regulatory Affairs

Tina Barrett joined Eastman in October 2018 as a product steward and regulatory representative. Prior to joining Eastman, Barrett was a senior clinical trial manager at TissueTech, Inc. She has more than 11 years of experience in clinical trials for pharmaceuticals, biologics, and medical devices. Part of her expertise includes FDA submissions, project management, protocol design, and leadership. Her responsibilities within Product Stewardship & Regulatory Affairs include drug, medical device, and medical packaging. Barrett received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Centre College and a master's degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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YUBIAO LIU, PH.D.

**Medical Application Development Representative
and Medical Technology Platform Leader**

Yubiao Liu, Ph.D., is the global technical platform lead in the medical segment of Eastman's Specialty Plastics division in Kingsport, Tenn., U.S.A. Liu supports medical customers globally with a greater focus on developing new products to address previously unmet needs for medical device housings and electronics. With over 12 years of experience in the medical industry specialized in polymer synthesis and material evaluation, Liu is an authority in the field.

He joined Eastman in 2012 as the medical application development representative, specializing in Eastman Tritan™ copolyester for applications in the medical device industry. Prior to his time at Eastman, in 2006, Liu was a research scientist at Greatbatch Medical, working on the development of biomimetic coating and an antimicrobial coating project. He has eight years of medical industry experience in polymer and biomaterial synthesis and polymer material evaluation and has provided support to 510(k) submissions.

Liu earned a bachelor's degree in material science and engineering from the University of Science and Technology of China and a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Akron. He conducted his postdoctoral research at the University of Akron and Emory University School of Medicine, focusing on polymer synthesis and biomaterial surface modification.

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TOM MEEHAN

Technical Service Representative

Tom Meehan is a technical service representative for Eastman. In this role, he is responsible for supporting North American medical device designers and manufacturers who are considering the use of Eastman Tritan™ copolyester in addition to those already using the material. Assistance with pretrial preparation, on-site sampling support, and postsampling testing comprise the bulk of his responsibilities.

Meehan joined Eastman in June of 1985, working in a variety of technical service and application development positions supporting Eastman polymers in injection molding, blow molding, and extrusion. He joined Intralox, LLC in 2000, serving as process development manager and senior polymer engineer. Then, in 2013, he rejoined Eastman to support the medical device market for Eastman copolyesters in a technical support capacity.

He holds a bachelor of science in chemical engineering from Tulane University and an M.B.A. from the University of New Orleans.

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WES PEER

Application Development Scientist

Wes Peer is an applications development scientist for rigid medical packaging at Eastman in Kingsport, Tenn., U.S.A. He joined Eastman in December of 2010. In his role, he supports new applications in the medical packaging segment as well as the development of new materials. He has experience in polymer testing, extrusion, thermoforming, and product development. Peer earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from East Tennessee State University and an M.B.A. from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

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ELLEN TURNER

Global Market Development Manager
Medical Devices

Ellen Turner is the global market development manager for the medical device segment of Specialty Plastics at Eastman in Kingsport, Tenn., U.S.A. Turner is a thought leader in chemical resistance of plastics in healthcare. Her strength lies in connecting with customers and influencers at all levels to enable innovative activation plans for polymers that address quality, reliability, durability, and safety goals. With over 20 years' experience in technology, manufacturing, technical service, and marketing, Turner graduated summa cum laude from Louisiana Tech University in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and earned an M.B.A. from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 2008.

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BRAD POTTER

Marketing Director, Medical

Brad Potter recently joined Eastman's medical plastics business as marketing director after seven years supporting Eastman's specialty plastics business in other marketing roles. With 25 years' experience in the chemicals and plastics industries, Potter is responsible for leading the medical plastics business unit to continued growth by enhancing customer relationships, activating new growth platforms, and engaging the medical market in a meaningful and collaborative way. Potter has enjoyed varying career experiences—including technical service, business development, sales leadership, and marketing—all underpinned by his degree from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in chemical engineering and M.B.A. from the University of South Carolina.

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