

# Medigard push into US closer

MEDIGARD is one step closer to distributing its blood-collection device in the United States.

The group has signed an agreement with Smith Associates (US) to undertake preliminary test marketing of its blood-collection device.

Medigard CEO Peter Emery said the product evaluation would take place at several 'prestigious US hospitals and pathology laboratories'.

"Product evaluation is the important next phase in the commercialisation of the product in the United States," he said.

"The product evaluations will be performed in at least five . . . medical centres, carried out on at least 1000 samples."

The announcement came as the company revealed plans to extend its share-purchase plan agreement until March 27.

Shares in the company closed up almost 6 per cent at 8.5c.