Putty MIS Delivery System

NovaBone Products has announced the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approval of the NovaBone Putty® MIS Delivery System, designed for use in minimally invasive orthopedic procedures.

The new system is characteristic of NovaBone Products' ability to develop medical device technology designed for the unique needs of orthopedic surgeons. The NovaBone Putty MIS Delivery System improves conventional delivery methods of bone graft substitutes through a syringe that is preloaded with ready-to-use NovaBone Putty and 6-mm diameter cannulas at varying lengths. The system was developed for surgeons who require controlled and precise delivery of bone grafting material to the surgical site.

The NovaBone Putty MIS Delivery System delivers an osteoconductive matrix while signaling and stimulating osteoblastic activity to the orthopedic surgical site. The product is approved for use in orthopedic surgeries of the extremities, pelvis, and posterolateral spine.

For more information, contact NovaBone, 1551 Atlantic Blvd, Suite 105, Jacksonville, FL 32207; phone (904) 807-0140; fax (904) 807-0141; www.novabone.com.

Postmenopausal Osteoporosis Treatment

Warner Chilcott plc has announced the FDA approval of its next generation ACTONEL® (risedronate sodium) product for the treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis in the United States. The product will be marketed as ATELVIA™ (risedronate sodium) delayed-release tablets. Warner Chilcott anticipates the commercial launch of ATELVIA in early 2011.

For information on dosage and administration, contraindications, warnings and precautions, adverse reactions, and other important safety and other prescribing information, please see http://www.wcrx.com/pdfs/pi/pi_atelvia.pdf or contact Warner Chilcott, 100 Enterprise Dr, Rockaway, NJ 07866; phone (973) 442-3200; fax (973) 442-3283; www.wcrx.com.

Suture Anchor System

ArthroCare Corporation has announced receiving clearance from the FDA for its SpeedFix™ Suture Anchor system. SpeedFix, a push-in anchor made of PEEK (polyether-etherketone) polymer, is designed for the repair of certain tears of the labrum.

SpeedFix anchors, which are double-loaded with ArthroCare's high-strength MagnumWire® suture, provide surgeons with independent bone locking, suture tensioning, and suture locking to ensure tissues are attached securely to the glenoid. SpeedFix is expected to complement ArthroCare's broad line of suture anchors and suture-passing technology, including FirstPass™.

For more information, contact ArthroCare Corporation, 7500 Rialto Blvd, Building Two, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78735; phone (800) 797-6520; fax (888) 994-2782; www.arthrocare.com

Osteoinductive Bone Graft Substitute

Wright Medical Group, Inc. has announced the full commercial launch of PRO-STIM™ Injectable Inductive Graft. PRO-STIM graft is a novel composite grafting material that is injected through a small needle or is digitally implanted. The graft hardens and is replaced by the patient's new bone over time. Building on the clinical success of Wright's PRO-DENSE® material platform, PRO-STIM graft provides surgeons with the osteoconductive base material (a patented combination of calcium sulfate and calcium phosphate materials), but adds a high volume of osteoinductive demineralized bone matrix to the formulation to speed the healing and remodeling process. In Wright's pivotal preclinical testing, PRO-STIM graft outperformed autograft bone—long considered the grafting "gold standard"—at 8 weeks.

Receiving FDA clearance in September 2009, PRO-STIM graft was released in a controlled fashion to select institutions to confirm human effectiveness over a 13-month period. PRO-STIM Injectable Inductive Graft will be made available immediately in the United States and in select international countries through Wright's direct and distributor-based sales force.

To learn more, contact Wright Medical Technology, Inc., 5677 Airline Rd, Arlington, TN 38002; phone (800) 238-7117; fax (901) 867-9534; www.wmt.com.

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