

### HAMMERTOE FIXATION SYSTEMS

Wright Medical Group, Inc. has announced the limited release of the PRO-TOE™ VO Hammertoe Fixation System for patients requiring fusion of the lesser toes for hammer-toe deformities. Designed by world-renowned foot and ankle surgeons, the PRO-TOE™ VO Hammertoe system is an efficient surgical solution for fixation of the bones being corrected.

The new PRO-TOE™ VO Hammertoe System will be made available in a limited-release immediately in the United States through Wright's specialized Foot and Ankle sales force. Full rollout is expected to be completed by the first half of 2011.

For more information, contact Wright Medical Technology, Inc., 5677 Airline Road, Arlington, TN 38002; phone (800) 238-7117; fax (901) 867-9534; <http://www.wmt.com>

MMI-USA, a subsidiary of Memometal Technologies S.A., has announced the limited launch of the new Smart Toe® II Hammertoe Fixation System.

The new Smart Toe II features enhanced positioning capabilities, ensuring more precise placement during implantation and closure. The new forefoot system allows the surgeon to treat a variety of foot issues, including hammertoe, the interphalangeal joint of the great toe, and the distal interphalangeal joints of the lesser toes. For more information about the new Smart Toe II System, visit <http://www.hammertoetreatment.com>

Contact MEMOMETAL INC. USA, 6060 Poplar Avenue, Suite 254, Memphis, TN 38119; phone (866) 682-7577; fax (901) 683-7077; <http://www.mmi-usa.com>

### CLAVICLE FRACTURE FIXATION SYSTEM AND ACROMIOCLAVICULAR JOINT REPAIR SYSTEM

Suspension Orthopaedic Solutions, LLC, announced it has received US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) 510(k) clearance to market the Suspension™ Clavicle Fracture Fixation System and the Suspension™ Acromioclavicular (AC) Joint Repair System. The Suspension line of products are designed not only to address difficult-to-treat injuries but also to provide a more surgeon-friendly alternative to existing solutions for all targeted injuries. The company now has several patent applications filed and expects to apply related technologies to traumas in other parts of the body.

For more information, contact Suspension Orthopedic Solutions, 1507 Ritchie Highway, Suite 101, Arnold, MD 21401; phone (410) 970-6321; fax (410) 779-3709; <http://www.suspensionortho.com>

### PATIENT EDUCATION WEB SITE FOR JOINT PAIN

Aesculap Implant Systems, LLC, has announced a new patient education series focused on providing information and solutions for arthritis attributed chronic joint pain. The new Web site, <http://www.soactivesofast.com>, and accompanying printed literature, present material that educates patients about arthritis facts, symptoms, and treatment options.

Both the literature and interactive Web site feature the stories of 4 patients that had successful joint replacement surgery and were able to return to normal activities and reclaim their lives. The materials also provide valuable information for the patient

to talk with their physician about the knee and hip joint anatomy and common diseases that could affect these joints, including causes, symptoms, and the diagnostic process. Additionally, the materials review treatment options, such as nonsurgical pain management strategies and in-depth information about surgical joint replacement procedures.

To learn more, contact Aesculap Implant Systems, Inc, 3773 Corporate Parkway, Center Valley, PA 18034; phone (800) 234-9179; fax (610) 984-9096; <http://www.aesculapimplantsystems.com>

### TISSUE FUSION SYSTEM

CONMED Corporation has announced that the FDA has given marketing clearance for the company's thermal energy-based tissue fusion system for use in a wide range of surgical procedures.

Over the last several years, surgeons have expanded the use of energy-based instruments to reduce surgical times, improve patient outcomes, and decrease procedure costs. Based on CONMED's original research in the technology, and with the understanding of surgeon needs, CONMED has developed the Altrus® Thermal Tissue Fusion system to advance the performance of energy-based instrumentation. Utilizing thermal energy, the Altrus® System is a multifunctional surgical tool that seals, cuts, grasps, and dissects vessels up to 7 mm in size, utilizing a closed feedback loop between the energy source and the single-use handpiece to precisely control the desired effect on tissue. Its versatility reduces the need for multiple instruments and instrument changes.

To learn more, contact Conmed, 525 French Road, Utica, NY 13502; phone (315) 797-8375; fax (315) 797-0321; <http://www.conmed.com>

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