Push-In Anchor

ArthroCare Corp. announced that it has received clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its SpeedFix™ Suture System (SpeedFix). SpeedFix, a push-in anchor made of PEEK (polyether-etherketone) polymer, is designed for the repair of tears of the labrum in a shoulder.

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 securely attach tissues to the glenoid. SpeedFix is expected to complement ArthroCare's line of suture anchors and ArthroCare's suture passing technology, including First-Pass™.

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

Computer-Controlled Drug Delivery System

Carticept Medical, Inc., announced that it has received clearance from the FDA to market its Navigator Delivery System (Navigator DS) in the United States.

The Navigator DS is a computer-controlled, drug delivery system designed to automate preparation and delivery of pain relieving medications for joint pain. The system prepares physician-prescribed injections from standard multidose anesthetic and steroid drug vials. In addition to eliminating multiple needle exposures to health care workers and minimizing the potential for contamination of the medication, automating this procedure ensures accurate dose preparation and saves significant labor for a busy physician practice. The injection is then delivered into the painful joint under precise computer control. The Navigator DS automates accurate medical record keeping by recording the treatment data for transfer to an electronic record management system or direct print-out.

To learn more, contact Carticept Medical, Inc., 6120 Windward Parkway, Suite 220, Alpharetta, GA 30005; phone (770) 754-3800; fax (770) 754-3808; http://www.carticept.com

Open Wedge Bone Locking System

GraMedica has announced the limited release of the Osteo-Wedge™ Open Wedge Bone Locking System. This product is meant as a solution for patients with moderate to severe bunions. Osteo-Wedge™ fixes the deformity at its foundation and offers foot surgeons a new option for permanent correction. The new Osteo-Wedge™ Open Wedge Bone Locking System will be made available in a limited-release immediately in the United States, with a full rollout expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

For more information, contact GraMedica, 16137 Leone Drive, Macomb, MI 48042; phone (888) 566-6459; fax (586) 677-9615; http://www.gramedica.com

Compression System Extension

Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corporation has announced that it will release a line extension for its Uni-CP™ Compression System. The Uni-CP™ Compression System provides a comprehensive solution for arthrodesis and fracture management for mid and hindfoot reconstruction. The Uni-CP™ product line extension includes a 4-hole U-shape locking plate, designed for second and third metatarsal-cuneiform fusion. The Uni-CP™ Compression System has clearance from the FDA in the United States and a CE Mark Certification in the European Union.

The Uni-CP™ Compression System currently includes a line of compression plates designed for the correction and stabilization of osteotomies and fusions in the foot. Each product employs a diamond-shaped bridge design to provide compression through controlled deformation of the implant by the surgeon. The Uni-CP™ Compression plates use Surfix® locking technology that enables the surgeon to place the plate at the optimal distance from the bone and then lock the screws.

For more information, contact Integra LifeSciences, 311 Enterprise Drive, Plainsboro, NJ 08536; phone (800) 654-2873; fax (609)275-0500; http://www.integralife.com

Intramedullary Fusion Nail

MedShape Solutions, Inc., the industry leader in innovative shape memory orthopedic devices, recently announced its new DynaNail™ Intramedullary Ankle Fusion Nail. The DynaNail's patented design utilizes shape memory alloy technology to actively adapt to changes, such as local bone resorption, in the arthrodesis site. By adapting to such changes, the DynaNail may better maintain close apposition of the bones and compression across the fusion zone during the healing process.

The DynaNail device, intended for tibiotalocalcaneal arthrodesis pro-

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cedures, incorporates a shape memory internal element that is stretched during the insertion procedure. Once the nail is fixed in place with screws, the shape memory alloy element maintains the target fusion bones in close apposition and under sustained compression for longer time periods than static, nonadaptive intramedullary devices. Surgeons implant the DynaNail using a surgical technique similar to that of traditional ankle fusion nails, thereby dramatically reducing the learning curve required for the new technology.

For more information, contact MedShape, 1575 Northside Drive, NW Suite 440, Atlanta, GA 30318; phone (877) 343-7016; fax (877) 343-7017; http://www.medshapesolutions.com

Modular Shoulder System

DJO Global, Inc. has announced the introduction of the Turon™ Modular Shoulder System developed by the Company's surgical division, DJO Surgical. The Turon is the first total shoulder system to incorporate the company's proprietary IMIN™ (Intrinsic Modular Indexable Neck) technology, a patented clocking feature that provides the ability to dial in the humeral neck shaft angle position. This allows the surgeon to fit the patient's anatomy without the need for adjunctive screw fixation and complex jigs and back table fixtures.

To learn more, contact DJO Global, Inc., 1430 Decision Street, Vista CA 92081; phone (800) 336-6569; fax (800)936-6569; http://www.djoglobal.com

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