

PRODUCT UPDATE

HYGREEN™ HAND HYGIENE SYSTEM WINS 2010 MEDICAL DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD

The HyGreen™ Hand Hygiene System, developed by Xhale Innovations, Inc., of Gainesville, Fla., has won the prestigious 2010 Medical Design Excellence Awards competition that recognizes superior medical product design. HyGreen is a wireless system that doesn't impede the workflow of busy health care workers. After using alcohol-based sanitizers (soap or gel), a worker places his/her hands under the HyGreen sensor. If the device senses the presence of alcohol, it sends an "all clean" message to a badge worn by the worker. A wireless monitor mounted above each patient's bed searches for the message—if absent, the badge vibrates, reminding the wearer to wash. All interactions are recorded in real-time. ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT www.xhale.com/hygreen

SEW-RIGHT AND TI-KNOT DEVICES IMPROVE LAPAROSCOPIC SUTURING AND KNOT-TYING

Sew-Right SR-5 and Ti-Knot TK-5 are hand instruments for minimally invasive surgery designed to improve suturing procedures. The Sew-Right instrument allows a surgeon to remotely place sutures to approximate soft tissue precisely and with minimal trauma. The Ti-Knot device securely crimps sutures together using a compressible sleeve (titanium knot), and cuts the excess suture tails. These ergonomically designed instruments from LSI Solutions (Rochester, NY) are comfortable in either hand, and are completely operational using only one hand. ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT www.lsisolutions.com/tk

MICROLINE SURGICAL AND CAMBRIDGE ENDO ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP

A new partnership for distribution and product development has been created between Microline Surgical (Beverly, Mass.), manufacturer of reusable instruments for minimally invasive surgery, and Cambridge Endo (Framingham, Mass.), producer of single-incision surgery devices. In the collaboration, Microline will serve as a distribution channel for Cambridge Endo's products, and the two companies will work together on new solutions and products for the laparoscopic market. ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT www.microlinesurgical.com and www.cambridgeendo.com

CERVILENZ MEASURES VAGINAL CERVICAL LENGTH TO ASSESS PRETERM LABOR

Research has shown the length of a woman's cervix is a good indicator of imminent birth. Now clinicians can use CerviLenz® to measure vaginal cervical length objectively to assess preterm birth risk. When a woman presents with preterm labor symptoms, practitioners can evaluate a baseline measurement and monitor change with repeat measurements. CerviLenz is a low-cost, single-use, FDA-cleared medical device from CerviLenz, Inc. (Chagrin Falls, Ohio). OBs, nurse-midwives, and L&D nurses—any medical professional trained to use a speculum—can learn to use CerviLenz quickly and easily. ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT www.cervilenz.com