

PRESS RELEASE



SpineSource® & AMT™ Announce FDA approval of first PEEK distractible interbody device in the U.S.

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ST. LOUIS, MO –**SpineSource®** and **Advanced Medical Technologies™ AG (AMT™)** announce the long-anticipated FDA approval of the **Distractible WAVE™ PLIF Cage**, manufactured from **PEEK Optima® (WAVE™)**. The WAVE™ will be launched at the North American Spine Society (NASS) Annual Meeting on November 11 in San Francisco at Exhibit Booth #2511.

The WAVE™ is the first and only FDA-approved distractible, or expandable, PEEK interbody fusion device in the U.S. It provides 30 options for height and lordotic angles. It is distracted within the disc space (in situ), locked into position, and is backfilled with autogenous bone graft once distracted.

“The WAVE™ has been implanted in thousands of patients worldwide,” said Peter Weiland, President of AMT. “I think the U.S. surgeons will really appreciate the added stability of an expandable device along with the simple and elegant approach it can provide.”

The WAVE™ is being distributed in the U.S. exclusively by SpineSource. “We are excited for this opportunity to fulfill our mission which includes technology that makes a positive difference in the lives of people,” said Tom Mitchell, President of SpineSource. “Our spine market is full of products that make very few differences or none at all. This one does. It is a very clever design that works the same way every time it is used.”

AMT, AG is based in Nonnweiler, Germany and manufactures spinal implant technology including the FDA-approved LOOP® Articulating TLIF, SHELL® Convex-Lordotic ACIF and other implants soon to be introduced to the U.S. market and pending approvals. For more information, please contact Peter Weiland at +49-6873-6688-0, or visit the website at www.amt-ag.de.

SpineSource—based in the St. Louis suburb of Chesterfield, Missouri—provides exclusive distribution, marketing and sales training in the U.S. through its network of more than 300 spinal implants sales professionals in all 50 states. For more information, please contact Tom Mitchell, President/CEO of SpineSource at (636) 532-9300, or visit the website at www.spinesource.net.

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