



SpineSource® Launches New Novel Spinal Implant Systems

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ST. LOUIS, MO –**SpineSource®, Inc.** has launched two novel and proprietary spinal implant systems for use in trauma and degenerative spinal fusion procedures.

The **LOOP™ PEEK Optima® TLIF** provides surgeons the ability to articulate and angle the implant with a proprietary Inserter to more easily reach the contralateral intervertebral disc space. The LOOP™ incorporates a simple “hinge” within the implant to interface with the Inserter. When combined with the ultra-tapered-bullet-nosed design, the implant provides a clear advantage over other implant options.

The second launch: **SupStance® Small VBR** is the world’s first small diameter PEEK Optima® device impregnated with barium sulfate. This provides the surgeon a shadowed visibility intraoperatively to confirm exact placement of the implant. Since the device contains no metallic markers, there are absolutely no CT or MRI artifacts whatsoever. Combined with the proprietary Distractor, the static PEEK design provides the same advantages as expandable cages, but without the fiddle-factor and with no titanium. The implant also incorporates open lateral windows to help facilitate bony ingrowth throughout the implant.

SpineSource has U.S. rights to the LOOP™ and SupStance®, which are patented, trademarked and manufactured by **Advanced Medical Technologies, AG** (Nonnweiler, Germany) and **Creaspine, SAS** (Pessac, France), respectively. Both systems were launched in September with several cases completed already.

“While at the North American Spine Society meeting in Toronto, sales professionals and clinicians alike were commenting how there is nothing new in spine, until they saw these implants,” said Tom Mitchell, President and CEO of SpineSource. “It truly is refreshing to bring new technology that really benefits patients. We are having fun with these systems because they are simple, work the way they are designed to work and help people.”

SpineSource will also launch a proprietary cervical interbody device next week and anticipates FDA-approval for the first PEEK expandable interbody in Q1 2009.

Founded in 2004 and based in the St. Louis suburb of Chesterfield, Missouri, SpineSource is a U.S. stocking distributor for spinal implants and focuses upon the niche and novel market segments within the \$4 billion U.S. spinal implant industry. It has more than 250 sales reps nationwide

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