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ulrich medical[®] USA, Introduces the AddPlus[™]

ST. LOUIS, MO – October 2009 – ulrich medical announced today the expansion of its ulrich family of cages for spinal implants to include the AddPlus anterior distraction device in the United States. The AddPlus implant is an expandable vertebral body replacement system for the anterior thoracolumbar spine specially engineered with fixation plates.

The AddPlus features include:

- Expandable VBR with fixation plates
- Continuous, frictionless expansion with easy to use distractor
- Reduced risk of subsidence
- Low profile design

The decisive advantage is the direct combination of the VBR and fixation plates which provides additional stabilization. Its uniquely designed fixation plates provide a safe distance of the screw from the end plate.

The AddPlus implant is indicated for a vertebral body replacement device intended for use in the thoracolumbar spine (T1-L5) to replace a collapsed, damaged, or unstable vertebral body due to tumor or trauma (i.e. fracture).

The AddPlus is intended to be used with supplemental internal fixation systems that are cleared by FDA for use in the thoracic and lumbar spine. Such systems include posterior pedicle screw and rod systems, anterior plate systems, and anterior screw and rod systems. The use of bone grafting material with the AddPlus is optional.

For more information, please visit www.ulrichmedicalusa.com.

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Notes to editors:

About *ulrich medical*.

ulrich medical is the U.S. subsidiary of *ulrich medical*, an innovative spinal implant technology company headquartered in Ulm, Germany. *ulrich medical* has been providing leading edge surgical products for over 97 years.

ulrich medical is dedicated to advancing the health, mobility and well-being of patients by providing surgeons with the technology to deliver successful long-term clinical outcomes. *ulrich* is committed to providing total solutions that include implants and instrumentation systems as well as special and general instruments that optimize surgical procedures.