



***Ulrich medical* - Leading German Spinal Implant Manufacturer Launches
obelisc in U.S.**

New vertebral body replacement allows surgical access from any approach; implant height can be adjusted without moving the instrument

St. Louis, MO (September 17, 2007) - *Ulrich medical USA*, the St. Louis-based subsidiary of leading spinal implant and surgical device manufacturer, *Ulrich medical* of Ulm, Germany, launched *obelisc*, a new vertebral body replacement in April, 2007.

obelisc is a vertebral body replacement used for the surgical reconstruction of bone mass defects in the anterior thoracic and lumbar spine. Indications include vertebral body destruction caused by tumors or fractures.

obelisc permits surgical access from all surgical approaches. The defect is bridged by distracting the implant in situ and precisely adjusting the implant to the required height. This is accomplished simply by turning the rotating knob at the end of the holder, thereby eliminating the need for movement of the instrument.

Dr. Helmut Schoenhoeffer, Vice President of Business Development and Marketing for *Ulrich medical USA*, said, "We are excited about bringing the *obelisc* to U.S. surgeons. It has been enthusiastically received by surgeons around the world because of its ease of use and outstanding clinical outcomes. We believe that it will have a significant impact on how corpectomy surgery is done in the U.S."

"With *obelisc*, the spine is realigned, corrected and stabilized by means of a single instrument. The launch of *obelisc* marks the beginning of a number of introductions of innovative systems to U.S. spine surgery by *Ulrich medical*," Schoenhoeffer added.

Dr. Carsten Neumann, Chief Trauma Surgeon at University of Regensburg, will present "*obelisc* for vertebral body replacement: quick, safe and reliable (with two-year clinical results)" at the *Ulrich medical USA* booth at the CNS Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, booth #1716, Hall E.

obelisc was approved for use in the U.S. in December, 2006. It delivers proven clinical outcomes (*European Journal of Trauma Vol 32, 3 June 2006, Special Issue*). The *obelisc* implant can be augmented with osseous material.

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Notes to editors:

About *Ulrich medical USA*

Ulrich medical USA is the U.S. subsidiary of *Ulrich medical*, an independent medical technology company headquartered in Ulm, Germany. With the establishment of its U.S. subsidiary, *Ulrich medical* is expanding its commitment to providing U.S. surgeons with the finest, state-of-the-art surgical spinal systems available.

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 and is committed to providing total solutions that include implants and instrumentation systems as well as special and general instruments that will optimize surgical procedures.

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