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***ulrich medical USA*® Releases New Spinal Implant for U.S. Market: *uCentum*® Comprehensive Posterior System**



Introduces Revolutionary Cannulated and Fenestrated Screw System for MIS and Open Spinal Fusion Applications

ST. LOUIS, MO (June 12, 2014) – *ulrich medical USA*, Inc., today announced the U.S. market release of the ***uCentum Comprehensive Posterior System*** for open and minimally invasive (MIS) surgical approaches which is intended to provide immobilization and stabilization of spinal segments as an adjunct to fusion of the thoracic, lumbar and sacral spine (T1-S2).

“We are very excited to introduce the *uCentum* product to the U.S. spine market,” said Christoph Ulrich, Managing Partner, *ulrich medical*®, Inc. “The *uCentum* product embodies design inputs from premier spine surgeons from across the globe and years of research and development work, and we are confident that it represents the cutting-edge in technological advancements in rod-screw implants.”

The *uCentum* pedicle screw consists of a simple low profile tulip-head, top loading, cannulated, fenestrated and optimized (cortical to cancellous) thread design to address the increased purchase requirements of poor bone quality. In addition, this system also features a unique prefixation screw technology (dual locking) that adapts the screw head from a polyaxial to a monoaxial design, while still allowing the rod to translate in order to offer true parallel compression or distraction of the vertebrae during spinal surgeries. The screws are available in a variety of lengths and a wide range of sizes (from 4.5mm to 10.0mm) in order to match diverse patient anatomies for use during primary or complex revision surgeries. Also, the system includes straight or curved titanium rods, and numerous reduction instruments and MIS rod-delivery options to simplify the procedure for surgeons. Equally important, unlike most pedicle screw systems available today, *uCentum* offers surgeons a unique 2-in-1 instrumentation set that encompasses both open and MIS approach instruments and implants which allows surgeons to move between MIS and open procedures while utilizing one surgical set.

“This product was named *uCentum* in honor of our company’s 100 year anniversary and we believe it encompasses the best of our collaborative product design process and German-engineered technologies,” Ulrich continued. “There are many features which differentiate this pedicle screw system from our competition and we believe that U.S. spine surgeons will highly value this robust and comprehensive implant system for their patients.” For more information, please visit www.ulrichmedicalusa.com.

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About *ulrich medical USA*, Inc. *ulrich medical USA*, Inc. is a privately-held subsidiary of *ulrich medical* Inc., an innovative medical technology company headquartered in Ulm, Germany which is celebrating 102 years in business in 2014.