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Canica Design Launches SutureSafe®

New device bridges incisions and wounds to prevent sutures or staples from tearing; speeds healing, reduces pain and scarring

ALMONTE, Ontario - October 2, 2008 - Canica Design Inc., an innovative medical device research and development company, announced today availability of yet another dynamic tissue manipulation product with broad applications across multiple wound categories.

[SutureSafe®](#) is a non-invasive, adhesive-based wound care device which applies as simply as a bandage, bridging the wound line over sutures or staples. There are 2 main functional elements: The [RipStop™](#) allows application of SutureSafe at the ideal tension. If the wound is subjected to sudden forces (e.g., coughing or sneezing), the RipStop acts like a safety belt, stopping the wound from pulling apart (dehiscence). The silicone elastic center helps pull together the edges of the wound with a gentle-but-constant force, counteracting painful pulling against sutures or staples, increasing mobility and speeding the healing process. Anyone with a sutured or stapled wound will benefit.

Independent, peer-reviewed clinical studies have shown reduced tension on incisions also produces less scarring with better cosmetic outcomes. SutureSafe relieves tension - results are instant and dramatic - and it removes cleanly and painlessly.

"We know from results of multiple studies that [tension](#) across wounds or incisions can cause complications and the final appearance of a scar may be influenced by tension or mechanical factors," observed Canica's president, Leonard G. Lee. "SutureSafe is the latest product in our comprehensive line of patented dynamic wound closure and dynamic tissue manipulation devices which help patients heal faster, become mobile sooner and suffer less pain and scarring."

Mr. Lee notes SutureSafe, which can be easily [applied](#) in the hospital immediately after surgery and by patients following discharge, promotes a faster and less painful recovery from many kinds of trauma and surgeries. SutureSafe has large potential to benefit a wide range of patients in areas well beyond the following short list of procedures:

- Plastic & reconstructive
- Cardiothoracic (sternotomies)
- Lacerations & contaminated wounds
- Oncology
- Orthopedic (particularly joints)
- Gastrointestinal
- Harvest sites (blood vessels, etc.)

SutureSafe is just one of Canica's dynamic tissue manipulation devices which range from those used in front-line battlefield trauma surgeries in Iraq to routine procedures performed in U.S. and Canadian hospitals. Dynamic tissue manipulation technologies include those that elegantly eliminate use of sutures, staples and adhesives to close wounds, stretch tissue prior to surgery to ensure a low-tension repair, or stabilize already closed wounds. A growing library of peer-reviewed studies from independent investigators indicates these technologies provide superior results compared to other standard methods.

SutureSafe is available in 2 sizes: 1/2" x 4" (13 mm x 102 mm) and 5/8" x 8 1/2" (16 mm x 216 mm). Healthcare professionals and patients can now purchase SutureSafe by calling the telephone number below.

About Canica Design, Inc.

Founded in 1999 in Almonte, Ontario, Canica is a design-focused medical company specializing in devices for rapid healing of soft tissue trauma using its proprietary dynamic tension technology. Canica grew from a surgical instrument company to one which develops a complete range of wound stabilization and closure devices that improve patient outcome by significantly reducing disfigurement, scarring, pain and the need for skin grafts and mesh repair, all while reducing costs.

All Canica devices are subjected to exhaustive review for marketability, patentability, regulatory compliance and clinical efficacy; then the company's patented designs are taken to market via strategic alliances.

Visit www.SutureSafe.com to see more about SutureSafe ([including video](#)) and Canica's complete line of products or call 800-705-8312 for more information.

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