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Medtronic Launches New Midas Rex(R) High-Speed Electric Drill for Surgeons

New Surgical Drill Offers Power and Maneuverability with Easy Fingertip Control

MINNEAPOLIS, Jun 25, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) --Medtronic, Inc.(NYSE: MDT) today announced availability of the company's new Midas Rex(R) Legend(R) EHS Stylus Touch(TM) high-speed electric drill for spinal, cranial and orthopaedic surgical procedures. This is the first electric drill from Medtronic with integrated finger control and is based on the well-established Legend EHS Stylus(R) motor. With high torque and a compact size, the Legend EHS Stylus Touch drill offers excellent balance and maneuverability for procedures in tight anatomic spaces. Surgeons can operate the drill using finger control only, footpedal control or both.

"With almost 50 years of leadership and innovation in high-speed surgical drills, we're excited to offer our newest Midas Rex drill for surgeons who prefer the convenience and familiarity of finger control," said Darren Woodruff, product manager for Spinal Power with the Neurologic Technologies division at Medtronic. "The Legend EHS Stylus Touch doesn't require a footpedal at all, which can be advantageous during multi-surgeon procedures and at busy trauma centers."

Additional features of the Legend EHS Stylus Touch drill include:

- Ergonomic positioning and true variable speed adjustment
- Easy-to-use design and quick set-up
- Adjustable speeds from 200 to 75,000 RPM

The Legend EHS Stylus Touch drill is powered by Medtronic's Integrated Power Console (IPC(R)) system, a multispecialty surgical power console that offers improved intraoperative functionality. With the IPC system's intuitive touchscreen interface, surgeons can use saved custom settings, quickly adjust irrigation via simple remote control, and run multiple Medtronic handpieces.

As part of the standardized Legend platform, the Legend EHS Stylus Touch drill works with Medtronic's interchangeable Legend tools and attachments for a broad range of surgical procedures.

"The Legend EHS Stylus Touch drill continues our tradition of innovative, powerful high-speed surgical drills, and is a direct result of listening to our customers' needs," said Bob Blankemeyer, president of the Surgical Technologies business and senior vice president at Medtronic.

About the Surgical Technologies Business at Medtronic
The Surgical Technologies business develops products for the diagnosis and treatment of chronic diseases and disorders of the ear, nose and throat; surgical devices and implantable products for the treatment of cranial, spinal and specialty small-bone conditions; and state-of-the-art navigation equipment used in operating rooms to assist physicians in neuro and spinal surgery procedures.

About Medtronic
Medtronic, Inc. (www.medtronic.com), headquartered in Minneapolis, is the global leader in medical technology - alleviating pain, restoring health, and extending life for millions of people around the world.

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