SURGIMESH® Non-woven Technology Mesh Products Headline Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons

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This year's Annual Clinical Assembly of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons highlighted the interest that general and hernia surgeons have in improved solutions to synthetic mesh repair of hernias. Two SURGIMESH hernia repair podium presentations, a luncheon "Improving Upon Historical Hernia Mesh Failure Modes" presentation and significant exhibit traffic all reinforced the high degree of interest in improving the outcomes of clinical hernia repair in the US.

Garnering significant interest was the early clinical experience with SURGIMESH® WN Non-barrier mesh and SURGIMESH® XB Barrier mesh reported in the podium presentations. M. Buckingham, DO, FAOCS reported 100% patient satisfaction in laparoscopic TEP inguinal hernia repair with no reported incidence of chronic pain, complication or recurrence over three years in close to 100 patients. This reported improvement in clinical outcome is in line with the five year experience in 202 patients previously reported in a prospective, randomized, double blinded inguinal hernia repair study reported by Dr. M. Smietanski, MD of the Medical University of Gdansk with SURGIMESH WN.

J. Yunis, MD, FACS of the Hernia Center in Sarasota, FL reported experience with SURGIMESH XB in 144 patients over 29 months in a challenging population of patients (high BMI and 27% recurrent) resulted in a very low recurrence rate (0.7%) and minimal complication – two revisions secondary to a suture sinus and an interloop bowel adhesion, both unrelated to the SURGIMESH XB.

To a standing room only venue, ACOS surgeons expressed significant interest in "Improving Upon Historical Hernia Mesh Failure Modes" through the use of SURGIMESH non-woven polypropylene mesh configurations. Historical failure modes defined for knitted and woven meshes, based upon the medical literature, were presented as incomplete incorporation, intense inflammation, chronic pain, shrinkage, degradation and poor mechanical strength. Clinical and experimental data presented on SURGIMESH non-woven, microfiber polypropylene supported quick (12 day), vascularized fibrous tissue incorporation without excessive inflammation and scarring which can lead to conditions of chronic pain and shrinkage.

The consistent message of SURGIMESH non-woven technology mesh leading to improved patient outcomes captured the interest of attendees to the Annual Clinical Assembly of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons leading to over 15% of the attending general surgeons expressing interest in trialing SURGIMESH in their next hernia repairs. For additional information on SURGIMESH hernia repair configurations visit the www.surgimesh.com web site.

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