


**Reprinted from *MedMarkets*, July 2003, page 20****FDA Clears Cutting-Edge Tendon Repair System**

The FDA granted marketing approval for a surgical system developed by **Ortheon Medical** that could change the method for orthopedic and plastic reconstructive surgery of torn and damaged tendons. The Teno Fix system marks the first-time use of a surgical anchor system in soft tissue repair. Using patented technology, a small anchor is inserted into a damaged tendon, collecting collagen fibers as it moves, which reinforces the strength of the tendon. Conventional tendon repair surgeries involve standard suturing. When the Teno Fix system is used, patients can begin active motion therapy more quickly following surgery. This method also reduces the likelihood for additional surgeries due to scarring and adhesions. The Teno Fix system is currently being used for digital flexor tendon repair; however, researchers are quickly developing applications for Achilles and shoulder surgeries. The system has been used successfully in several worldwide markets since 2002. 

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