



## **ORTHEON MEDICAL SECURES CE MARKING FOR REVOLUTIONARY TENO FIX™ SYSTEM**

### ***European Sales of Unique Tendon Repair System Set to Begin***

WINTER PARK, FL (May 23, 2002) - An Orlando-based medical device firm is staged to begin European sales of a new surgical device that could revolutionize the repair of lacerated digital tendons.

Ortheon Medical announced that it has secured CE Mark designation for the Teno Fix™ system, and plans to begin international sales as early as this week. The announcement came at the Federation of European Societies for Surgery of the Hand conference in Amsterdam, an event attended by more than 600 European hand surgeons.

The CE Mark is the official marking required for products regulated by European Medical Device Directive, allowing product distribution within the European Community.

"We plan to aggressively pursue sales and distribution agreements throughout Europe, which represents a potential market of \$50 million annually," said Bill Christy, Ortheon's president and chief executive officer. "Judging from the reaction Teno Fix™ has received at this conference and many others, there is already a tremendous demand for this system."

Teno Fix™ is a proprietary soft tissue anchor system that replaces suture in conventional tendon repair surgeries. The system is designed to allow patients to begin active motion therapy more quickly after surgery, leading to an earlier return to normal motion and greatly reducing the need for repeat surgeries caused by scarring and adhesions. Currently, surgeons must balance the benefits of early active motion against immobilization, in order to prevent rupture of the repair.

"The Teno Fix™ system represents a major breakthrough in tendon repair," said Dr. Melvin Rosenwasser, chief of hand surgery at Columbia University. "It shows great promise in enhancing the success rates for tendon repair procedures."

Teno Fix™ initially has been designed for reconstructive hand surgery procedures, but the company is developing applications for repair of shoulder, wrist and Achilles tendons as well.

Ortheon Medical is headquartered in Winter Park, Fla. For more information about Ortheon and the Teno Fix™ system, contact the company at (407) 671-2944, or visit the Web site at [www.ortheon.com](http://www.ortheon.com).



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