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Ortheon Medical Offers the TenoFix System for a New Application in the Foot

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (June 23, 2008) – The TenoFix system, introduced by Ortheon Medical in 2002, is now approved for use in the foot.

Utilizing a patented technology which harnesses the intrinsic collagen fiber strength of the tendon, small *soft tissue* anchors are inserted into both sides of a lacerated tendon, gathering collagen fibers as the anchors are inserted. The anchors are then attached together via stainless steel braided wire to complete the repair. The unique key property of the TenoFix is the capture of the internal tendon fibers in *lateral compression*. Once inserted, the TenoFix is completely contained within the tendon such that no part of the device is exposed to the surrounding tissues, thus minimizing adhesions. Tendon strength and stiffness following the repair are greater than many current suture tendon repair techniques thus permitting a more aggressive post-surgery treatment protocol that in turn can produce superior and faster patient outcomes.

The TenoFix is an all stainless steel system that is widely used for repair of flexor tendons of the hand and is designed to allow patients to begin active motion therapy within the first few days of surgery. Early motion after tendon repair reduces adhesions caused by scarring, leading to an earlier return to normal activities and greatly reducing the need for repeat surgeries.

Ortheon Medical is a privately held medical device company that develops innovative technologies to enable surgeons to perform safe and effective mechanical, repeatable tendon repairs. The TenoFix system has the potential to reduce costs and the need for repeat surgeries often associated with these types of procedures. For more information about Ortheon, TenoFix, Active Motion Rehab After Tendon Repair or to contact the company, visit us on the web at www.ortheon.com.