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New Arthroscopic Device Company Launch – Cannuflow[®] Incorporated

Introduction of Flagship Product Line – The ClearVu Flexible Inflow-Outflow Cannula for Three-Portal Knee Procedures

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, April 24, 2003—Cannuflow Incorporated announced today the launch of a new company dedicated to the development, manufacture, and sale of innovative arthroscopic devices. Guided by hands-on surgical and device professionals to provide real solutions to pressing arthroscopic surgical problems, it is the company's mission to design devices that are intuitive (easily integrated into the surgeon's existing surgical technique), performance enhancing (increasing OR efficiency), cost-effective (reducing OR time and post-op costs), and safer (improving surgical outcomes).

As part of the company launch, Cannuflow is introducing the first of its product lines, the ClearVu[™] family of flexible inflow/outflow cannulae for three-portal knee procedures. Designed for and originally sold to only a select group of arthroscopic surgeons in the San Francisco Bay Area, the ClearVu 2.7 (the first cannula in the company's flagship product line) has been successfully tested and used in more than 9000 arthroscopic procedures. Cannuflow believes that its ClearVu devices will set a new standard of efficiency, safety, and optimal inflow-outflow irrigation performance in three-portal arthroscopic knee procedures.



Unlike a rigid metal cannula, the ClearVu 2.7 cannula's patented Flexflow[™] progressive-flexibility design allows the ClearVu to conform to joint surfaces through a full range of motion – optimizing visualization by reducing the need to reposition the cannula to regain fluid clarity (even in a

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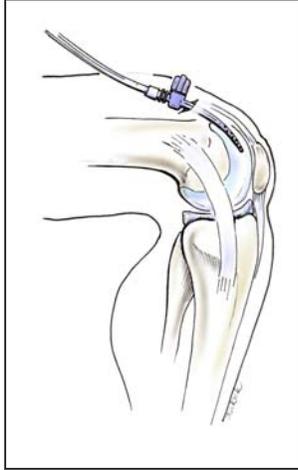


figure-four position). The flexibility and plastic surface of the ClearVu cannula also diminishes the potential for articular cartilage and soft-tissue damage during a procedure. According to Dr. Martian Trieb, a noted Arthroscopic surgeon and member of the Arthroscopy Association of North America, “All arthroscopists have seen the scratching, gouging, and denting of the articular surfaces when a rigid metal cannula becomes caught between the joint surfaces during flexion. The ClearVu,” says Dr. Trieb, “not only allows a continuous flow, it also does not damage the articular surfaces should it get impinged between the patella and trochlear notch.”

Multiple fenestrations at the distal end of the cannula allow for consistent fluid flow in any position, while the highly visible blue color of the device makes it easily recognizable in a joint. In addition, the flexible plastic used in the ClearVu products will not cause ‘short outs’ in the radio frequency ablation and thermal remodeling devices that are frequently used during arthroscopic surgery – a common problem with metal cannulae.



Cannuflow, Incorporated is a privately held company dedicated to the research, development, and manufacture of innovative medical devices that can be easily integrated into current arthroscopic procedures and meet the increasing performance and cost-efficiency demands of this rapidly growing market. Cannuflow products are now being marketed nationwide. For more information on the company, products, and sales please visit our web site at www.cannuflow.com. Product photos and company logos are also available to the media on our web site.

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