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OrthoHelix Surgical Designs, Inc. Announces MaxLock™ Plate and Screw System Inaugural Implant.

Akron, Ohio - August 1, 2005 - It was standing room only in Operating Room number 5 at the Crystal Clinic in Akron, Ohio on July 27, 2005. The inaugural MaxLock™ Plate and Screw System was utilized for a first Metatarso-Phalangeal (MTP) joint fusion. Gordon Bennett, M.D. who is a member of OrthoHelix's medical advisory board had the honors. Under separate cover you will receive surgery images of the implant process. Dr. Bennett used the MaxLock plate, 2 slot "alpha", with five (5) each 3.5mm screws.

Prior to the launch of the MaxLock Plate and Screw System, Dr. Bennett would have used the MTP plate from Acumed. While both plates are low profile titanium, the Acumed MTP fusion plate can only be used for one indication, while the MaxLock Plate and Screw System is multi indication friendly. The implant screw also is unique and sets us apart from the MTP plate. "The screw tapped easily and has exceptional purchase on soft bone", commented Dr. Bennett.

Jim Sabetta, physicians' assistant for both Drs. Bennett and Dr. Kay was amazed with the high quality of the instrumentation. He commented that the patent pending, pilot tipped screw driver certainly made life easier in the OR. After the pilot tip was pressed into the screw head Jim aggressively tried to shake the screw off to no avail. "No more dropped screws" he noted.

The proprietary instrument driver worked so well that Dr. Bennett was asked if it was hard to pull the driver off the screw. Dr. Bennett said, "Because of the quality of purchase you get with the screw, it only took a small turn of the wrist to remove the driver from the screw." The outstanding quality and sharpness of the drill bits were commented on by both Dr. Bennett and Jim Sabetta.

Dr. Kay, OrthoHelix Surgical Designs, Inc., Founder/CEO of OrthoHelix and managing member/active practitioner at Crystal Clinic in Akron, Ohio, stated, "Surgeons want better instruments and implants to do better work, this initial implantation exemplifies the OrthoHelix goal and mission of Surgeons Speak...We Deliver".

Many thanks to our Medical Advisory Board members for their commitment to this organization; their ideas, feedback and contributions to the development of this product line were of considerable value.

Congratulations to OrthoHelix engineers Lee Strnad, Dustin Ducharme, and Amanda Martin on a product well done. We will keep you updated on the progress of the MaxLock Plate and Screw System.

Next on our list of revenue generating products is the DRLock™ System for distal radius fractures.

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