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PDCI Medical Delivers the SurgiKit™ to Medical Device Manufacturers

Custom Fabricator Breaks New Ground with Combination Packaging System for Surgical and Clinical Devices and Accessories

HAYWARD, Calif., April 4, 2007 – With growing concerns from medical device makers for safer and more efficient methods of packaging their assemblies, leading West Coast converter, PDCI Medical has responded by developing a fully integrated containment system: the PDCI SurgiKit. The packaging system combines multiple layers of customized plastic cards built to confine the assembly components, and later be placed in pre-engineered thermoformed trays.

“What we were hoping to accomplish with this new system was to offer a secure, affordable, and efficient alternative to more traditional methods of packaging. Our first goal was to create a product that would aid in maintaining the sterility of our customers’ surgical and clinical components. Our second goal was to provide them with much more affordable options in the clinical and pre-marketing stages in addition to addressing those during commercialization,” says Mike Behnam, President of PDCI Medical.

The plastic cards are customized with a series of features that are tailored to the dimensional and integrity requirements of components. After being assembled with the devices and components, the card is anchored to a thermoformed container with built-in locking features. All materials used in the SurgiKit’s shell and inner card(s) are FDA-approved and further processed in accordance with GMP and ISO regulations. The thermoformed shell [and lid] can be made from high-barrier, oxygen scavenging films and foils to help create a modified atmosphere package for products like drug-eluting stents. The design is also functional during the surgery where the device is being used. The components on the plastic card are removed and dropped into the open bin for easy access by the surgical staff in the operating room.

Behnam continues, “Our customers kept running into the same issues with pouching their products or having custom designed thermoformed trays: items shifting around in their pouches, bulkiness of their final packaging, accessories getting damaged in transit, breeches in the sterility of their packaging, the high costs for thermoform molds, design and subsequent iterations, the list goes on. The SurgiKit helps to address all of those concerns. It is affordable and secure, it maintains the sterility of the internal components and, as an added bonus, it has been proven to save shelf space in hospitals compared with traditional thermoformed trays and card-in-pouch configurations. The market demands these features; we are simply helping our customers respond to these demands.”

About PDCI Medical

PDCI Medical, a division of Pacific Die Cut Industries, is an ISO certified and FDA registered supplier of custom converted components. The company, founded in 1989, specializes in precision die cutting, narrow width slitting and multi-layer laminating. Value added services

include, but are not limited to: assembly, packaging, design and engineering, prototyping and project management.

PDCI Medical is located in Hayward, California. For more information, please visit their website at <http://www.pacificdiecut.com>.

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