

# Glidecath Catheter Yashiro Tip Shape

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<b>KEY FEATURES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves access to the celiac artery</li> <li>• Three-dimensional, U-shape tip</li> <li>• 4- and 5-F catheters</li> <li>• 70 cm in length</li> </ul>	

Terumo Interventional Systems (Somerset, NJ) introduces the Yashiro tip shape, part of the Glidecath hydrophilic-coated catheter product line. According to the company, the Yashiro offers as a new, three-dimensional U-shape tip for optimal entry to the celiac trunk. The Yashiro tip shape provides better access to certain arteries, particularly the celiac artery. When rotating the catheter counterclockwise, the distal end can be easily manipulated to enter the ostium of the celiac artery. In trials, doctors have noted that the tip "pops right in," which makes the Glidecath's Yashiro tip shape ideal for most liver-related procedures. Also, when the tip enters the celiac trunk, the three-dimensional shape provides a stable entry platform, the company says. The Glidecath's Yashiro tip shape is available in 4- and 5-F size catheters that are 70 cm in length and are packaged three per box.



# Vari-Lase Introducer Sheaths

<b>COMPANY</b>	Vascular Solutions, Inc.
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<b>KEY FEATURES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silicone coating permits easy insertion and reduces pullback force</li> <li>• Available in a wide range of lengths (12–70 cm) and configurations</li> <li>• 4-F marked and unmarked sheaths</li> </ul>	

Vascular Solutions, Inc. (Minneapolis, MN) recently added to its Vari-Lase endovenous laser therapy offering with the introduction of new siliconized introducer sheaths. According to the company, the new sheaths allow smooth insertion into and easy, even pullback from the vein during the treatment of varicose veins with endovenous laser energy.

Now included in all Vari-Lase Standard and Completely Custom endovenous laser therapy procedure kits, the new siliconized sheaths provide an approximated 50% reduction in pullback force compared with conventional untreated introducer sheaths, the company says. The siliconized Vari-Lase introducer sheaths are currently available worldwide.



# RockHawk

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<b>KEY FEATURES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cutting blade reduces the force needed and has the potential to reduce the time required to cut through heavily calcified lesions</li> <li>• Unique cutter employs a carbide structure that has more mass and durability to treat lesions that may be resistant to conventional treatment</li> </ul>	

ev3 Inc. (Plymouth, MN) announces the launch of the RockHawk system for use in surgical cutdown approach. Based on the SilverHawk Peripheral Plaque Excision System that was originally cleared for use by the FDA in 2003, the RockHawk incorporates changes in the geometry and the material of the cutter structure, giving it more mass and durability to facilitate the breakdown of complex, hard, calcified lesions that may be resistant to conventional treatment. The RockHawk also features a floating ramp that gives the cutter better suspension to stay engaged against the lesion, similar to the pivot heads of a razor. Consult the product information for use for indications, contraindications, warnings, and cautions, the company says.

Glen Schwartzberg, MD, a vascular surgeon from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, after performing the first two RockHawk cases in the US, stated, "The surgical cutdown approach using the RockHawk allowed the treatment of lesions that could not be accessed using the traditional percutaneous approach." ■

