Microslide Pediatric Introducer Line

COMPANY	Galt Medical Corporation
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KEY FEATURES

- Line includes tearaway sheath introducers, small diameter guidewires, and short needles
- Introducers in the 2- and 3-F size allow introduction of vascular access devices into smaller vessels
- Compact design intended for infants, children, and adolescents

Galt Medical Corporation (Garland, TX) recently announced the launch of the Microslide Pediatric Introducer. The device is intended for use in procedures involving infants, children, and adolescents.

"We are using the Galt Microslide on our pediatric patients, and even neonates. Because it is designed specifically for pediatric patients, we are able to successfully place the sheath," said Judy McCarty, RN, Vascular Access Team at the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

The introducers, available in 2- and 3-F sizes, give surgeons the ability to introduce vascular access devices even in small vessels.

GaltVTI Valved Tearaway Introducer

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KEY FEATURES

- Low-profile, integrated valve
- Compact design
- Reduced risk of air embolism and leakage

The GaltVTI Valved Tearaway Introducer (Galt Medical Corporation, Garland, TX) recently received 510(k) clearance. The device's low-profile, integrated valve aims to allow surgeons to provide vascular access for other medical devices without high risk of air embolism and leakage.

The compactly designed introducer is primarily intended for placing catheters. The company expects a launch in the second half of 2012.

Epic Vascular Self-Expanding Stent System

COMPANY	Boston Scientific Corporation
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KEY FEATURES

- Tandem Architecture stent design provides excellent flexibility
- Micro and Macro struts for balanced radial force
- Distal/proximal radiopaque markers and dual deployment options for visibility and deployment accuracy
- Nitinol purity, stent design, and finishing create fracture resistance
- 6-12 mm diameters and 20-120 mm lengths—all 6-F compatible

Boston Scientific Corporation (Natick, MA) announced the US launch of the Epic vascular self-expanding stent system. The Epic stent is designed to open blocked arteries in patients with iliac artery stenosis.

"The Epic stent system demonstrates an excellent combination of flexibility, radial force, and deployment accuracy—all important attributes when treating challenging atherosclerotic lesions in the iliac arteries," said Thomas Shimshak, MD, medical director at Wheaton Franciscan Heart Care in Racine, WI. "The comprehensive stent size matrix should also help meet a variety of clinical requirements when treating iliac arterial disease with no compromise in deliverability or stent performance."

The next-generation Epic stent is a self-expanding nitinol stent designed to sustain vessel patency while providing enhanced visibility and accuracy during placement. It employs innovative Tandem Architecture design, which is engineered to provide excellent stent flexibility while maintaining predictable radial force characteristics and fracture resistance. In the ORION clinical trial, the Epic stent demonstrated a nine-month major adverse events rate of 3.4% in the intent-to-treat population—significantly lower than the pre-specified performance goal of 17% ($P < 0.001$) based on historical published outcomes for iliac stenting.

Swiper Medical Device Foam Wiper

COMPANY	Syntervention, Inc.
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KEY FEATURES

- Fiber-free to minimize foreign body contamination
- Conformable to contact full circumference of the device
- Durable and non-shredding
- Highly absorbent (holds 20 times its weight in saline)

Syntervention, Inc. (Rocky Mount, NC) announces the availability of its first product, the Swiper Medical Device Foam Wiper—a sterile, biocompatible, fiber-free, foam wiper designed for the removal of blood, contrast, and other contaminants from sterile instruments and medical devices. The Swiper is highly absorbent and transfers fluid evenly to the medical device surface, efficiently cleaning catheters and guidewires by contacting and wetting the full circumference of the device.

The fiber-free and low particulate characteristics of the Swiper will minimize transfer of foreign bodies into the patient that can be found with use of cotton gauze or Telfa pads. Clinical data confirms that foreign body contamination is associated with complications and risks that increase the liability and costs to the hospital. ■