

Press Release

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CLEVELAND CLINIC AND MEDICAL DEVICE INNOVATIONS, LLC, FORM CLEAR CATHETER SOLUTIONS, LLC TO DEVELOP WOUND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

Oct. 18, 2007, Cleveland: Cleveland Clinic today announced the formation of Clear Catheter Solutions, LLC (CCS) to develop systems to improve post-surgical wound drainage.

Cleveland Clinic is collaborating with Medical Device Innovations, LLC of Bend, OR, to continue to develop CCS's portfolio of tube drainage products and technologies.

Surgical procedures can sometimes disrupt the local flow of blood and lymphatic fluids which can cause fluid buildup that can disrupt healing and slow a patient's recuperation. To improve drainage, surgeons often establish temporary, passive drains in or near a surgical site to allow fluid to escape. But these drains often clog which negates their value and opens a potential path for infection.

CCS will utilize intellectual property contributed by Cleveland Clinic and Medical Device Innovations to develop innovative medical devices to keep drains clear and functioning optimally.

"We are looking forward to an outstanding partnership with Medical Device Innovations," said Christopher Coburn, Executive Director of CCF Innovations, Cleveland Clinic's technology commercialization arm. "The launch of CCS presents a significant opportunity to develop new medical devices to improve post-operative care for patients."

About MDI

Medical Device Innovations (MDI) is a Bend, Oregon based medical device incubator founded to design and develop innovative medical devices that will improve the quality of treatment for patients in a cost-effective manner. MDI provides the project leadership, industry experience and early technical expertise to help transform ideas to successful medical products.

About CCF Innovations

[CCF Innovations](#), the technology commercialization arm of [Cleveland Clinic](#), stewards the Clinic's technology innovation strategy. It enhances product-oriented innovation throughout Cleveland Clinic and transforms promising therapies, devices and diagnostics into beneficial medical products, via spin-off companies, licensees and equity partnerships.



About Cleveland Clinic

Cleveland Clinic, located in Cleveland, Ohio, is a not-for-profit multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. Cleveland Clinic was founded in 1921 by four renowned physicians with a vision of providing outstanding patient care based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and innovation. *U.S. News & World Report* consistently names Cleveland Clinic as one of the nation's best hospitals in its annual "America's Best Hospitals" survey. Approximately 1,800 full-time salaried physicians and researchers at Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Florida represent more than 100 medical specialties and subspecialties. In 2006, there were 3.1 million outpatient visits to Cleveland Clinic. Patients came for treatment from every state and from more than 80 countries. There were more than 53,000 hospital admissions to Cleveland Clinic in 2006. Cleveland Clinic's Web site address is

www.clevelandclinic.org.

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