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Largest acellular dermal allografts for abdominal wall repair now available from MTF

Edison, NJ, November 16 -- The largest natural allograft available on the market today for hernia and abdominal wall repair has been announced by The Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF), the nation's leading provider of allograft tissue. MTF has started distributing 20 cm x 25 cm sized grafts of FlexHD®, their hydrated acellular dermal matrix, just months after releasing 20 cm x 20 cm grafts.

These two new sizes are the largest allografts available, offering surgeons a human tissue form that reduces the need to suture smaller sheets together. The 20 cm x 25 cm size is the largest out-of-package to patient human acellular dermal matrix available for use in large abdominal wall cases and trauma. Surgeons who choose FlexHD avoid the concerns associated with current xenograft products and benefit from the rapid revascularization, superior strength and resistance to stretching that make it an ideal solution for hernia repair.

All of MTF's tissue, including FlexHD, has passed rigorous safety testing including USP 71 sterility standards. With over four million grafts distributed since its inception, MTF possesses an unrivaled safety record.

Many patients who require complex abdominal wall reconstruction are obese, with a BMI exceeding 35. This increases the challenges and failure rate for these patients. Having larger grafts available with various thickness helps surgeons address individual patient needs.

"Using the large sizes of FlexHD improves my ability to deliver care to patients with complex abdominal wall defects," noted Dr. Todd Heniford, Chief Department of Surgery, Carolinas Medical Center. "The quality and ease of use of these natural grafts is apparent, and the large sizes are particularly helpful in major reconstructive procedures. The time saved by not having to sew these grafts together can be critical."

To inquire about the new sizes, hospitals may contact MTF's customer service line, 1-800-433-6576.

The Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation, a non-profit organization, is a national consortium comprised of leading academic medical institutions, organ procurement organizations and tissue recovery organizations. Since its inception in 1987, MTF has received tissue from more than 80,000 donors.

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