

MTF Signs Marketing Agreement With ETHICON, Inc., for FlexHD™ Acellular Dermal Matrix

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Edison, NJ (April 30, 2007) – Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF), the world’s largest tissue bank and ETHICON, Inc., have signed an exclusive marketing agreement. Under the terms of the multi-year agreement, ETHICON, through the ETHICON Products Division, will be MTF’s exclusive representative for the marketing of FlexHD™ Acellular Dermal Matrix.

FlexHD is a unique acellular matrix, derived from donated human allograft skin. FlexHD provides excellent biomechanical strength, resistance to stretching and the added benefit of prehydration. It does not require refrigeration for onsite storage, resulting in a tissue graft that is easily accessible and ready for surgeon selection at all times.

In accordance with MTF’s commitment to the stewardship of the donated gift, MTF, a non-profit organization, will maintain full responsibility for all activities related to donor suitability, quality acceptance, processing, storage and distribution of the tissue as well as reimbursement of service fees related to FlexHD. Other terms of the deal were not disclosed.

“MTF is pleased to enter into an alliance with ETHICON, a recognized leader in the surgical community,” said Michael Kawas, President of MTF Skin/CV Division. “This relationship will further advance surgeon awareness and access to FlexHD. Furthermore, it is compelling strategically as both MTF and ETHICON are committed to providing high quality solutions to surgeons, enhancing patient care and expanding clinical education.”

ETHICON will begin marketing FlexHD, in conjunction with MTF’s allograft specialists, throughout the United States during the month of May.

About MTF:

Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation is a non-profit service organization founded by surgeons, for surgeons. MTF is dedicated to providing quality tissue through a commitment to excellence in education, research, recovery and care for recipients, donors and their families. MTF is a national consortium comprised of academic medical institutions, organ procurement organizations and tissue recovery organizations. Since its inception in 1987, MTF has recovered more than 60,000 donors and distributed more than 3 million grafts for transplantation and has an unrivaled safety record. For more information, please visit MTF’s website at <http://www.mtf.org/>.

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