



Surfacer® Inside-Out® Access Catheter System to be Showcased at CIRSE 2017 Annual Meeting

Novel system offers a minimally invasive Inside-Out solution to support the achievement of long-term arteriovenous access

SAN ANTONIO, Sept. 14, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [Bluegrass Vascular Technologies](#), a private medical technology company focused on innovating lifesaving devices and methods for vascular access, today announced its upcoming Surfacer® Inside-Out® Access Catheter System educational events scheduled to take place at the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe (CIRSE) 2017 Annual Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Surfacer System is indicated for obtaining central venous access to facilitate catheter insertion in patients with diminished upper body access.

[Merit Medical Systems](#), a leading manufacturer of proprietary disposable devices and the exclusive distributor of the Surfacer System in Europe, will be sponsoring the symposium titled *The Surfacer Inside-Out Access Catheter System: To Restore and Preserve Access in Chronically Occluded Veins*. The symposium will take place on Sunday, September 17th from 16:15-16:35 and will be presented by Gürkan Sengölge, MD, Associate Professor and Interventional Nephrologist at the University of Vienna.

"I am very much looking forward to presenting the Surfacer System at the upcoming CIRSE meeting and sharing my positive clinical experiences using the novel Inside-Out method," stated Gürkan Sengölge, M.D. "The Surfacer System makes it possible for my patients to reliably receive life-saving central venous access via the right-sided vasculature while long-term arteriovenous access is being secured."

The Surfacer System will also be showcased during a hands-on *Don't Go Left™* workshop in the Merit Learning Centre on Monday, September 18th from 17:00-17:45 and on Tuesday, September 19th from 14:30-15:15. Moderated by Gürkan Sengölge, MD, the workshop will provide an overview of the Surfacer System, offer guidance on patient selection, and enable hands-on practice using an anatomical model. Registration for the hands-on workshop is available at Merit Medical's exhibitor booth, #60. Space is limited.

"It's exciting to watch the interventional radiology and nephrology community embrace the Surfacer System and the value of 'Don't Go Left'," stated Gabriele Niederauer, Ph.D., CEO and President of Bluegrass Vascular Technologies. "We are committed to increasing the awareness of its importance and communicating the positive impact it has on improving patient outcomes and reducing provider costs."

The Surfacer System will also be highlighted at the upcoming European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS) 2017 Annual Meeting taking place September 19-22 in Lyon, France. [Click here](#) for symposium information or visit Merit Medical's booth B4-B5 to register for the hands-on *Don't Go Left* workshop.

About the Surfacer® Inside-Out® Access Catheter System

The Surfacer System is designed to reliably, efficiently and repeatedly gain central venous access through a femoral vein approach and navigation through the venous system to an exit point in the right internal jugular vein, the optimal location for placing a central venous catheter. This proprietary Inside-Out approach allows for the placement and maturation of permanent arteriovenous access options that are associated with improved patient outcomes and reduced cost of care for both hospitals and hemodialysis providers.

About Bluegrass Vascular Technologies

Bluegrass Vascular Technologies is a medical technology company dedicated to developing and commercializing lifesaving devices and methods that address shortcomings in vascular access procedures. For more information, please visit www.bluegrassvascular.com.

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