



Integra LifeSciences Features the Inforce(R) Reinforcement Matrix at the 65th Annual ASSH Meeting

PLAINSBORO, N.J., Oct. 8, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corporation (Nasdaq:IART) announced today that it is featuring the Inforce® Reinforcement Matrix at the 65th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) on October 7-9, in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Inforce® Reinforcement Matrix, with FortaFlex™ Technology, is a biological implant with high bio-mechanical strength that may be used for any type of tendon injury that requires surgical reconstruction, and provides a durable reinforcement during the healing phase of a repaired tendon. The Inforce® matrix is composed of a biocompatible, purified collagen matrix, designed to provide an organized scaffold that facilitates cellular attachment and integration of the implant at a controlled rate of *in situ* remodeling. The matrix is purified to remove non-collagenous materials that may cause inflammatory or immunological responses. The Inforce® matrix is a ready-to-use product, delivered hydrated and requiring no special handling or storage, and may be trimmed to the desired size to accommodate a wide variety of procedures.

"Inforce® Reinforcement Matrix is an excellent complement to our family of tendon protection products that includes our innovative TenoGlide® Tendon Protector Sheet technology, and offers our upper extremity surgeon customers' additional choices for patient treatment," said Robert Paltridge, President of Integra Extremity Reconstruction.

Tendon and ligament injuries are some of the most common musculoskeletal disorders, ranging from an Achilles tendon rupture to a flexor tendon injury of the hand. Industry sources estimate that there are approximately 700,000 tendon and ligament repair procedures in the U.S., representing a \$1.2 billion market.

The Inforce® Reinforcement Matrix is sold by Integra's Extremity Reconstruction sales organization, which focuses on lower extremity reconstruction, upper extremity reconstruction, tendon protection/augmentation, peripheral nerve repair/protection, and wound repair.

[Integra LifeSciences](http://www.integralife.com), a world leader in medical devices, is dedicated to limiting uncertainty for surgeons, so they can concentrate on providing the best patient care. Integra offers innovative solutions in orthopedics, neurosurgery, spine, reconstructive and general surgery. For more information, please visit www.integralife.com

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