Access Scientific Partners with Teleflex to Launch PICC WAND

SAN DIEGO - Access Scientific [1] has partnered with Teleflex Incorporated to launch the new PICC WAND™, which enables clinicians to insert a peelable sheath for PICC or midline catheter placement using the new Accelerated Seldinger Technique [2](AST).
Teleflex [3], a leader in providing innovative vascular access technologies, is the U.S. distributor of The PICC WAND Safety Introducer with ARROW® peelable sheath.

The new product is an all-in-one safety introducer that addresses the over-wire vascular access market, valued at more than $1 billion, by providing faster, safer and simpler vascular access.

The PICC WAND, which is already in use at more than a dozen hospitals, combines all components of the older, Modified Seldinger Technique (MST) -- the needle, guidewire, dilator and sheath - into one highly efficient device that also protects against accidental needlesticks. Additionally, its Fast-Flash™ feature provides early detection of vessel entry.

"We are very pleased to be working with Teleflex in launching this new standard of care in vascular access," said Bill Bold, President of Access Scientific. "Teleflex is the perfect partner for reaching clinicians with this exciting new technology, because of the company's long tradition of emphasizing quality and safety."

In addition to its unitary design, The PICC WAND Safety Introducer with peelable sheath is designed to reduce the risk of accidental needlesticks [4], bleeding, contamination, guidewire embolism, and loss of cannulation. Air embolism [5] is among the patient risks of MST that are reduced by The WAND and its Accelerated Seldinger Technique.

"The PICC Wand provides significant benefits to both patients and caregivers, and is an outstanding addition to our vascular access product portfolio," said Cary Vance, Executive Vice President, Teleflex North America.

Bold noted that the PICC WAND is one of a series of products from Access Scientific and its platform WAND technology.

In development is the Power WAND [6]™, which is intended to simplify the placement of extended-dwell IV catheters for improved power-injectable vascular access. The POWER WAND has not yet received 510(k) clearance or CE Mark.

About Access Scientific
Access Scientific, a privately held medical device company, is dedicated to providing a safer standard of over-wire vascular access through its proprietary

WAND technology. ASI's team of seasoned device-company veterans is focused on improving patient and healthcare worker safety through the combination of superb design/engineering and exacting quality assurance. The WAND was developed by the same Venetec International, Inc. team that invented StatLock® catheter stabilization devices and made them the worldwide standard.

For further information on the company, go to www.The-Wand.com [7], email Customer Service at PCook@the-wand.com [8], or call 858-259-8333.

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