

FDA clears ArthroCare Spartan Needled Anchor

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Medical products maker ArthroCare Corp. said Tuesday the Food and Drug Administration cleared its Spartan 5.5 Needled Anchor, which is used to fix soft tissue to bone in procedures like a rotator cuff repair.

The Austin, Texas, company said the preloaded, threaded anchor has a screw-in design and can be used for single- and double-row repairs. The needled version is used for open repairs while a non-needled version that already has FDA clearance is used for arthroscopic repairs.

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