TissuGlu® Surgical Adhesive Named 2012 Medical Design Excellence Awards Finalist

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PITTSBURGH, April 2, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Cohera Medical, a leading innovator and developer of absorbable surgical adhesives and sealants, announced today that its lead product, TissuGlu® Surgical Adhesive, is a finalist for the 2012 Medical Design Excellence Awards in the General Hospital Devices and Therapeutic Products category.

The Medical Design Excellence Awards is the medical device industry's premier design awards competition and is the only awards program that exclusively recognizes contributions and advances in the design of medical products. The program recognizes the achievements of medical product manufacturers and the many people behind the scenes – engineers, scientists, designers, and clinicians – who are responsible for the groundbreaking innovations that are changing the face of healthcare. Entries are evaluated on the basis of their design and engineering features.

TissuGlu is an internal surgical adhesive for large flap surgeries, such as abdominoplasties, that helps reduce fluid accumulation and the need for postsurgical drains. Its unique chemical composition is resorbable, non-toxic, forms a strong bond between tissue layers and allows for natural healing, which ultimately may provide the patient with a quicker return to normal activity.

"We are very pleased that TissuGlu Surgical Adhesive has been recognized as one of this year's most innovative medical products in the industry by the MDEA judges," said Patrick Daly, President & CEO, Cohera Medical. "This award is a reflection of Cohera's excellence in designing cutting-edge technology that will help surgeons improve the overall care of their patients."

Currently, most patients who undergo abdominoplasty procedures and other flap procedures require the insertion of drains to remove fluids that accumulate under the skin at the surgical site. In some cases, drainage is inadequate and the excess fluid accumulation (seroma) requires additional p
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