Theragenics Launches Galt Microslide Pediatric Introducer Line

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BUFORD, Ga.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 3, 2012-- Theragenics Corporation(R) (NYSE: TGX), a medical device company serving the surgical products and prostate cancer treatment markets, today announced that Galt Medical (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Theragenics) launched its Microslide(TM) Pediatric Introducer line featuring tearaway sheath introducers, small diameter guidewires, and short needles in the first quarter of 2012. The Galt Microslide is expected to be utilized primarily for procedures involving smaller patients including infants, children and adolescents. The 2 and 3 French size Galt Microslide introducers and small accessories provide clinicians with the ability to introduce vascular access devices into smaller vessels.

"We are using the Galt Microslide on our pediatric patients, and even neonates. Because it is designed specifically for pediatric patients, we are able to successfully place the sheath," said Judy McCarty, RN, Vascular Access Team, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

"The pediatric access market has been greatly underserved," said M.

Christine Jacobs, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Theragenics Corporation. "We have received overwhelming positive feedback from clinicians on the Galt Microslide product as it has met an important need in the market. We listened to our customers and they are rewarding us with small but growing sales. While the market for pediatric vascular access devices is small compared to other vascular access applications, when combined into kits, our opportunities will increase. Perhaps more importantly, potential customers are inviting us and our products into institutions where we historically have not had opportunities." Galt Medical is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Theragenics. The Galt business unit manufactures and distributes vascular access products, including introducers and guidewires used in interventional radiology, interventional cardiology and vascular surgery.

Theragenics Corporation(NYSE: TGX) operates two business segments: its surgical products business and its brachytherapy seed business. The surgical products business (www.cpmedical.com [1], www.galtmedical.com [2], www.needletech.com [3]) manufactures and distributes wound closure, vascular access, and specialty needle products. Wound closure products include sutures, needles and other surgical products. Vascular access includes introducers, guidewires and related products. Specialty needles include coaxial, biopsy, spinal and disposable veress needles, access trocars, and other needle-based products. The surgical products segment serves a number of markets and applications, including, among other areas, interventional cardiology, interventional radiology, vascular surgery, orthopedics, plastic surgery, dental surgery, urology, veterinary medicine, pain management, endoscopy, and spinal surgery. Theragenics' brachytherapy business

manufactures, markets and distributes "seeds" used primarily in the minimally invasive treatment of localized prostate cancer. The Company's brachytherapy product line includes its palladium-103 TheraSeed(R) device (www.theraseed.com [4]), and its Iodine-125 seed devices, AgX100 and I-Seed. The terms "Company", "we", "us", or "our" mean Theragenics Corporation and all entities included in our consolidated financial statements. For additional information, call our Investor Relations Department at (800) 998-8479 or visit www.theragenics.com [5].

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All forward looking statements and cautionary statements included in this document are made as of the date hereof based on information available to us as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any forward looking statement or cautionary statement.

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