



Press Release

SurgiQuest Announces First Single Port Procedure for Ovary Removal Using AirSeal(TM) Access System

ORANGE, Conn., May 7, 2008/ -- SurgiQuest, Inc. today announced the first single port laparoscopic removal of an ovary using the AirSeal(TM) access system. Drs. Anthony DiSciullo and Christopher Awtrey performed the procedure at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA. The AirSeal(TM) System creates an invisible barrier that does not rely on gaskets or seals. This provides unobstructed access to the cavity without losing intra-abdominal pressure, enabling surgeons to place a telescope, all operative instruments and large specimen sac through a single 12mm port.

"The AirSeal Access System represented a significant improvement in operative management of patients with adnexal masses, which traditionally requires three separate ports for completion," said Dr. Awtrey, Instructor of Gynecological Oncology at Harvard Medical School. "The five centimeter mass was worrisome for malignancy. After it was removed from the pelvic sidewall, we were able to place it in a sac and remove it without spillage."

Dr. DiSciullo, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Harvard School of Medicine added, "The successful completion of our case represents a paradigm shift in the way we will perform major gynecologic procedures in the future. This is truly a revolutionary technology that allows us to perform complex operations with only one small abdominal incision in the belly button."

"Gynecology represents an important and large segment of the minimally invasive marketplace," said Kurt Azarbarzin, Founder and CEO of SurgiQuest. "The first clinical experience with the AirSeal access system in this specialty is an important milestone for SurgiQuest. We are pleased Drs. DiSciullo and Awtrey were able to take advantage of the AirSeal system to perform this operation safely and effectively while eliminating the risks and additional patient care associated with two additional trocars."

About the AirSealTM access system:

The AirSealTM access system presents a significant technological shift in minimally invasive surgery (MIS). By eliminating seals and gaskets from access ports, the AirSeal system provides unobstructed access to the abdominal cavity without losing intra-abdominal pressure. This unencumbered approach to MIS is enabling both new procedure development and new instrument platforms.

SurgiQuest's technologies for single port, endoluminal, and N.O.T.E.S surgeries will be the topic of several presentations at the Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) in Philadelphia April 8-12.

SurgiQuest, Inc. is a private venture-backed company, founded in May 2006. It develops, manufactures, and markets access technology for minimally invasive surgery.

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