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SUTURE EASE SHOWCASES TWO NEW PRODUCT OFFERINGS AT SAGES 2022

Offering surgeons greater simplicity and ease of use to facilitate fascial closure

San Jose, Calif. – **March 14, 2016** – <u>Suture Ease</u> Inc., developer of devices to enhance the efficacy, efficiency and safety of minimally invasive surgery, will be exhibiting at the annual Society of Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons meeting (SAGES 2022), being held in Denver from March 16-18. At the meeting, Suture Ease will be introducing two new devices to its suit of laparoscopic fascial closure technologies, the <u>EzStitch Hybrid System</u> and the <u>Securus</u> <u>System</u>.

The EzStitch Hybrid System is a derivative of the award winning EzStitch Port Site Closure System. The hybrid version has a disposable guide element and a reusable suture passer. The device performs in the same manner as the fully disposable EzStitch System to close fascial defects created when trocar ports are removed following laparoscopic surgery. The EzStitch guide is equipped with a distal chamber that protects the needle sharp from being exposed in the abdominal cavity, thus significantly minimizing the risk of injuring abdominal viscera. The notch feature near the distal end of the guide allows for precise positioning on the fascial edge while reducing adipose tissue entrapment in the stitch. The guide's distal chamber is equipped with a trap door mechanism used to automatically secure and retrieve the free ends of suture passed by the suture passer. The tedious task of "fishing" for suture is eliminated, making the device very easy to use.

For those seasoned surgeons accustomed to mature technology, the <u>Securus System</u> is a quality, economically priced replacement to the Carter Thomason closure device. The systems is equipped with the conventional cone guide along with the premium EP suture passer. The passer provides a friendly, large aperture conducive to loading and capturing of suture. The auto-eject feature allows for easy release of suture, especially desirable when working in tight spaces. Stitch placement, conducted in the customary manner, is augmented with the added benefits of the EP Suture Passer

"We are excited to provide a full line a closure devices to meet various market needs," said Scott

Heneveld, founder and COO for Suture Ease, Inc. "The two new devices offer the unique advantages of our core technology, yet at an economical price point."

About Suture Ease

Based in San Jose, California, Suture Ease develops and markets innovative technologies that combine efficacy and ease of use to enhance laparoscopic procedures. A fundamental element of laparoscopic surgery is port site access. Frequently procedures require one or more of these ports to be larger than 10mm, necessitating closure at the end of the procedure to preclude the potential formation of a post-operative hernia. Suture Ease is addressing this market need through its laparoscopic closure technology, which facilitates easy, safe and reliable fascial closure. For more information, visit: <u>www.suturease.com</u>.

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