

Excelsior Denies Ivera's Patent Allegations

Excelsior Medical Corporation, a leading manufacturer of pre-filled catheter flush syringes and syringe pump systems, and manufacturer of SwabCap[®], a needleless connector cap that effectively disinfects and protects needleless connectors between accesses, denies all allegations of patent infringement made by Ivera Medical Corporation in its filing on May 20, 2011 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. Excelsior also has counter-sued for non-infringement and for a declaration that Ivera's patent is invalid.

“Excelsior has a strong global patent portfolio and we respect the intellectual property rights of others. However, we strongly deny Ivera's patent claims and look forward to our day in court to prove that their claims are baseless,” said Bill Rice, the President and CEO of Excelsior.

Excelsior is a privately held medical device company founded in 1989 that offers a number of products that fulfill the needs of the healthcare practitioner. These products include: saline and heparin flush syringes, dispensing pumps, syringe pumps and SwabCap[®].

In 2009, Excelsior launched SwabCap[®], a needleless connector cap that contains 70% IPA as a disinfectant. SwabCap[®] effectively disinfects and protects needleless connectors between accesses, helping clinicians provide better patient care and comply with valve disinfection protocols. Excelsior has the unique ability to combine its ZR[®] saline flush syringes and SwabCap[®] into one convenient product, SwabFlush[™], increasing technique standardization and compliance. All of Excelsior's Prefilled Catheter Flush Syringes are manufactured and terminally sterilized in the U.S. in Neptune, New Jersey.