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Wright Medical Launches ORTHOLOC™ 2 LapiFuse™ Triplanar Correction System to Improve Patient Outcomes for Bunion Correction Surgery at 2020 American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) Scientific Conference

Wright Medical, a global leader in foot and ankle surgery, has launched the ORTHOLOC™ 2 LapiFuse™ Triplanar Correction System, an advanced solution designed to provide surgeons with a consistent and reproducible approach to hallux valgus correction that is designed to increase fusion, reduce recurrence rates and risk of metatarsalgia.^{1,2}

Lapidus bunion correction surgeries are sophisticated technical procedures, and existing technologies lack the customization required to adjust to the unique orthopedic anatomies of patients, causing high instances of anatomical inconsistencies, primarily toe shortening. Maintaining the bone length of the first metatarsal is critical to preventing the transfer of the weightbearing load to the lesser toes and contributing to metatarsalgia or pain in the ball of the foot.² The LapiFuse™ System's tarsometatarsal (TMT) joint preparation kit is designed to decrease the risk of metatarsalgia and the need for future procedures by giving surgeons the ability to debride the joint quickly and efficiently without taking wedge cuts to maintain bone length.

"While made simpler in recent years, existing Lapidus systems remain incomplete. The ORTHOLOC™ 2 LapiFuse™ Bunion Correction System pulls together the missing pieces into a kit of instruments to address issues previous systems have not, preserve toe length and lower recurrence rates in my patients,"^{2,1} expressed Christopher Hyer, DPM. "LapiFuse™ also provides reproducible triplanar correction which means that I need less hands in the OR and my patient undergoes a more streamlined operation."

The LapiFuse™ bunion correction system is designed to increase fusion and lower recurrence rates, preserve the length of the first ray and provide predictable and reproducible triplanar correction:^{1,2}

- Implant-driven compression and joint stability through anatomic plate and targeted lag screw construct.
- Consistent approach to IM angle and sagittal plane correction, and frontal plane rotation.
- Unparalleled joint prep kit eliminates the need for cut guides and reduces the risk of metatarsalgia.

"As leaders in foot and ankle, we are committed to constantly improving our existing technologies as well as expanding into categories where we can fill an unmet need for our customers," expressed Guy Guglielmino, VP of Marketing. "We believe the introduction of the new ORTHOLOC™ 2 LapiFuse™ System will provide surgeons with more confidence in performing complex Lapidus procedures and ensure each surgery is tailored to an individual's unique anatomy, ultimately improving patient outcomes."

The LapiFuse™ System will be on display at the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) annual meeting, February 19-22, 2020 at Booth #631, and will become commercially available on April 3rd, 2020.

A full listing of activities can also be viewed at the Wright Medical Booth (#631), including:

- SALVATION™ 2 Midfoot Nail
- PROstep™ MIS
- CARTIVA® Synthetic Cartilage Implant
- VR Simulation for PROPHECY™ INFINITY™ Total Ankle

- AUGMENT® Bone Graft

For more information on the product, visit: www.wright.com/lapifuse

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