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**The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Takes Lead in Setting
New Standard of OR Patient Safety**

*Implementation of the RF Surgical Detection System™ will detect and prevent
retained surgical sponges, gauze and towels in patients*

Bellevue, WA, July 16, 2007—RF Surgical Systems, Inc. announced today that the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) will be among the first medical centers in the country to fully implement the RF Surgical Detection System in its operating rooms. The patented and FDA-approved RF Surgical Detection System scans for and signals an alert if any RF Detect™ tagged surgical sponges, gauze or towels remain in a patient prior to surgical closing procedures. Retained surgical sponges are one of the leading patient safety concerns in hospitals—occurring at an estimated rate of 1 in every 1,000 to 1,500 intra-abdominal surgeries, according to a study in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Consistently ranked among the best hospitals in America, HUP was asked to participate in the clinical evaluation of the RF Surgical Detection System because of its long-standing commitment to advancing patient care. “During its trial, our surgical teams were impressed by the system’s ease of use, accuracy and detection range across a wide variety of surgical cases,” commented Larry Kaiser, M.D., Surgeon-in-Chief at HUP. “It worked flawlessly and did not impede our workflow. By adopting this leading-edge technology in our hospital, we are setting a new standard of patient safety and efficiency in the OR.”

The RF Surgical System is exclusively distributed by Medline Industries, the nation’s largest privately held manufacturer and distributor of medical supplies.

About RF Surgical Systems, Inc.

RF Surgical Systems is a privately held medical device company headquartered in Bellevue, Washington and maintains engineering R & D facilities in San Diego, California. Founded by Dr. Jeffrey Port, a Thoracic Surgeon, and Mr. William Blair, an Electrical Engineer, the company’s RF Surgical Detection System is the first and only FDA-approved surgical sponge detection system in clinical use in the United States. For more information, please visit www.rfsurg.com

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