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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER TO USE BATTLE-TESTED HEMORRHAGE CONTROL BANDAGE *Patients Benefit From High-Tech Wound Care Solution*

Nashville, Tenn. – March 26, 2008 – Vanderbilt University Medical Center today announced that it will use battlefield-tested technology in its facility to help patients with severe bleeding wounds reach hemostasis. The life-saving technology, developed by HemCon Medical Technologies Inc., will allow Vanderbilt's medical staff to provide enhanced care to patients who need solutions for severe bleeding.

Using chitosan technology, the HemCon® Bandage controls bleeding by becoming extremely adherent when in contact with blood. The adhesive-like action seals the wound and attracts red blood cells to the bandage, forming a seal that stops hemorrhaging. The bandages help reduce the need for patient transfusions and provide critical time for first responders and other medical professionals to administer care (up to 48 hours from the point of placement).

In its original form, the HemCon Bandage addressed the needs of soldiers who were hemorrhaging and dying on the battlefield before they could be triaged for surgical intervention. HemCon recently redesigned the bandage to meet the specific needs of civilian trauma and emergency medicine. The new bandages are thinner, more flexible and sized appropriately for civilian use.

The bandage provides an antibacterial barrier that helps reduce the risk of infection, making it particularly useful in hospital settings such as cardiac catheterization labs and surgery centers. Health care providers can also use the bandage to address common civilian emergency and trauma needs such as lacerations, knife injuries, gunshot wounds and injuries from motor vehicle accidents.

The HemCon Bandage does not contain human proteins, bovine clotting factors and does not generate heat – which are all common concerns with other hemostatic agents. The HemCon Bandage can be easily removed with water or saline solution.

“Femoral arterial bleeding is a major concern for cardiac catheterization patients, so we're glad the HemCon Bandage is able to provide a solution and peace of mind to patients in Vanderbilt's cath lab,” said Bill Block, executive vice president of sales and marketing for HemCon. “We're pleased to partner with Cardinal Health in making this life-saving product available to hospitals like Vanderbilt throughout the United States.”

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About Vanderbilt Medical Center

Vanderbilt University Medical Center is home to Vanderbilt University Hospital, The Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, the Psychiatric Hospital at Vanderbilt and the Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital. These facilities combined to treat more than 46,000 hospital patients during 2007. Vanderbilt's adult and pediatric outpatient clinics treated more than 1.1 million patients during this same period.

Again in 2007 Vanderbilt University Hospital was recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as offering the nation's best specialty care with nine specialty programs ranking among the nation's top 50 of their respective fields. The Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt was ranked among the nation's premiere pediatric hospitals, ranking 23rd in the first "Best Pediatric Hospitals" rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*.

About HemCon Medical Technologies, Inc.

HemCon Medical Technologies, Inc., founded in 2001, develops, manufactures, and markets innovative technologies to control bleeding and infection resulting from trauma or surgery. HemCon products are designed for use by military and civilian first responders as well as medical professionals in hospital, dental and clinical settings where rapid control of bleeding is of critical importance. The HemCon[®] Bandage was developed in collaboration with the Oregon Medical Laser Center and Providence St. Vincent's Hospital. HemCon's manufacturing and corporate headquarters are located in Portland, Ore. For more information, please visit www.hemcon.com.

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