Surfacer Inside-Out Access Catheter System

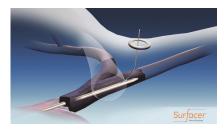
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KEY FEATURES

- Reliably restores central venous access
- Minimally invasive, catheter-based system
- Preserves the viability of secondary central veins

Bluegrass Vascular Technologies, Inc. announced that it has received CE Mark approval and has launched a limited commercial sale of its Surfacer Inside-Out access catheter system in Europe. The Surfacer system is indicated for



obtaining central venous access to facilitate catheter insertion into the venous system via a novel inside-out approach.

The device is designed to be inserted through the femoral vein and navigated up through the patient's venous system with an exit point in the right internal jugular vein, the optimal location for placing a central venous catheter. This approach allows for the placement and maturation of arteriovenous access options that are associated with improved patient outcomes and reduced cost of care in dialysis patients.

"The launch of the Surfacer system in Europe brings a much-needed solution to a growing population of patients requiring vascular access for vital treatments and who currently have limited options due to obstructed upper body access," stated Gürkan Sengölge, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Nephrology, and Intensive Care Medicine at the Medical University of Vienna, Austria.