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## **THEKEN PRESENTING AT 2007 RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE**

**Akron, OH – (June 22, 2007)** The Theken family of companies announces today that Christopher P. Cole Theken Disc Project Manager, is presenting Tuesday, June 26 at the 2007 Research & Technology Showcase on the Theken eDisc™ design features and microelectronics. The Showcase, hosted by Ohio ICE Northeast Ohio Electronics Chapter, will be held at the Corporate College East in Warrensville Heights. The Showcase features eight emerging ICE (Instrument, Controls & Electronics) companies spotlighting their most recent technology.

Mr. Cole will present “eDisc: The First Artificial Spinal Disc With Integral Force-Sensing Microelectronics,” educating the biomedical community on the eDisc’s microelectronics and its capabilities to record and transmit the forces of motion that are applied to the eDisc.

By analyzing the data and the different patterns of movement from the eDisc, Cole explains the way the microelectronics can be used to reduce surgical complications and accelerate a patient’s return to function and work.

The eDisc is the first artificial lumbar total disc replacement (TDR) with embedded microelectronics and true elastic motion. The eDisc is in the final stages of preclinical testing leading to clinical trials.

### **About Theken, a family of companies**

The Theken (Pronounced ‘*tay-ken*’) family of companies Theken Spine, LLC, Theken Disc, LLC, Theken Orthopaedic, Inc. and Therics, LLC ([www.theken.com](http://www.theken.com)) specializes in pioneering spinal implant technologies that improve spinal surgical techniques benefiting patients as well as surgeons. Theken provides comprehensive product lines that offer surgeons peace of mind through steadfast product reliability and easy-to-use instrumentation. Products include cervical plates, pedicle screws, spacers, degenerative/deformity and trauma devices. Theken also leads the market in next generation artificial disc replacement technology.

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