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Implants company readies operation in Akron

Company expects to start making synthetic bones here next week

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A Princeton, N.J., company has moved into a plant in Akron and expects to begin producing synthetic bone implants there within a few days now.

Therics LLC will employ about six people at the downtown plant, though the company hopes to increase that number as it establishes itself in Akron, said Tiffany Lee, a spokeswoman for Therics.

The company chose the location mainly because owner Randy Theken is from Akron and owns three orthopedic companies - Theken Spine, LLC, Theken Disc, LLC and Theken Orthopaedic Inc. - that are headquartered in the city, Ms. Lee said. The location also puts the company close to Summa Health Care, the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals, she said.

The company's research and development will remain in New Jersey.

The Akron plant is about twice as big as the company's Princeton location, but Ms. Lee did not know its square footage. Therics expects to get U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval to begin manufacturing in Akron within a few days and will start production immediately afterward, Ms. Lee said.

The company was founded in 1995 as Therics Inc. It became Therics LLC when Mr. Theken bought it from Tredegar Corp. in July 2005.