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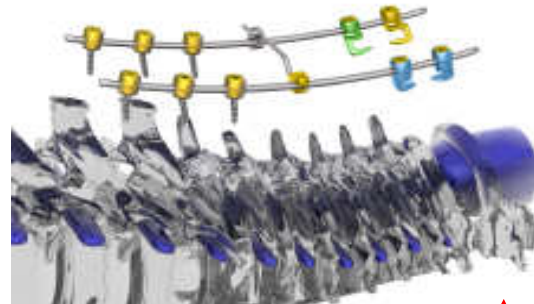
### THEKEN RECEIVES FDA CLEARANCE FOR A NEW POSTERIOR CERVICAL SPINAL FIXATION SYSTEM

*Atoll™ – Cervico-Thoracic system is the second product out of six which Theken anticipates receiving FDA clearance in 2007*

**AKRON, OH (June 7, 2007)** Theken Spine, a leader in spinal fixation systems, announces that the Atoll – Cervico-Thoracic system received clearance from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to market in the United States (US).

This is the second product out of six for which Theken anticipates receiving FDA clearance this year.

Atoll is currently in the alpha phase and product launch is targeted for mid-Summer 2007.



Thoracic (T3)

Cervical (C1)

Neck through upper spine

Theken worked with a team of design surgeons to develop Atoll. It is intended for use in patients with:

- Degenerative Disc Disease
- Spinal Stenosis
- Fracture/dislocation
- Tumors
- Revision of previous spine surgery.

The Atoll – Cervico-Thoracic system is indicated to promote fusion of the cervico-thoracic regions of the spine (cervical vertebrae 1 – thoracic vertebrae 3). Composed of titanium alloy, the Atoll System consists of polyaxial screws, rods, arched and straight cross-connectors, hooks, and patent pending locking screw assemblies. These components are available in an assortment of sizes to allow for a variety of configurations to better fit each individual patient anatomy.

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**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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