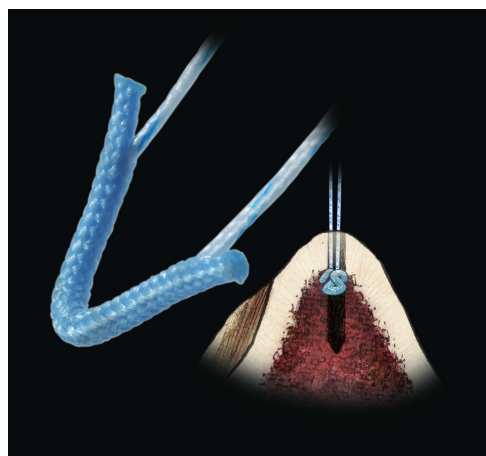


## **BIOMET SPORTS MEDICINE'S JUGGERKNOT™ SOFT ANCHOR RECEIVES GOLD MEDICAL DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Warsaw, IN, May 4, 2011 — Biomet, Inc. announced today that its Sports Medicine business unit has received a Gold 2011 Medical Design Excellence Award (MDEA) for the outstanding product design of its Juggerknot™ Soft Anchor. The MDEA program honored 37 medical products with the award, four of which are implants. The Juggerknot™ Soft Anchor is designed to allow surgeons to reattach soft tissue to bone in multiple locations in the body, and represents the next generation of suture anchor technology. Unlike conventional metal and plastic devices, the Juggerknot™ Soft Anchor is made entirely from suture, allowing for substantially less bone removal. The smaller anchor diameter allows multiple anchors to be placed in various anatomical locations.



“The Juggerknot™ Soft Anchor is a giant step forward in suture anchor technology. It features a unique combination of high strength and small size in an all-suture design,” noted Kevin Stone, Biomet Sports Medicine’s Vice President of Research and Development. “The Juggerknot™ Soft Anchor provides features not available in metal and plastic anchors to repair soft tissue and helps patients get on the road to recovery.”

The Medical Design Excellence Awards (MDEA) competition ([www.MDEAwards.com](http://www.MDEAwards.com)) is the only award program that exclusively recognizes contributions and advances in the design of medical products. Entries are evaluated on the basis of their design and engineering features, including innovative use of materials, user-related functions that improve healthcare delivery and change traditional medical attitudes or practices, features that provide enhanced benefits to the patient, and the ability of the product development team to overcome design and engineering challenges so that the product meets its clinical objectives. An impartial, multidisciplinary panel of third-party jurors with expertise in biomedical engineering, human factors, industrial design, medicine and diagnostics conducted a comprehensive review of the entries.

The 2011 Medical Design Excellence Award winners will be honored at a presentation ceremony on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City in conjunction with the Medical Design & Manufacturing (MD&M) East 2011 Conference and Exposition.

### **About Biomet**

Biomet, Inc. and its subsidiaries design manufacture and market products used primarily by musculoskeletal medical specialists in both surgical and non-surgical therapy. Biomet's product portfolio encompasses reconstructive products, including orthopedic joint replacement devices, bone cements and accessories, autologous therapies and dental reconstructive implants; fixation products, including electrical bone growth stimulators, internal and external orthopedic fixation devices, craniomaxillofacial implants and bone substitute materials; spinal products, including spinal stimulation devices, spinal hardware and orthobiologics; and other products, such as arthroscopy products and softgoods and bracing products. Headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana, Biomet and its subsidiaries currently distribute products in approximately 90 countries.

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