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## **Spineology Receives FDA Clearance for Capture™ Facet Screw System**

*Minimally invasive surgery system easy for surgeons to implant and manipulate*

ST. PAUL, Minn. (Nov 18, 2009) — [Spineology Inc.](#), developer and manufacturer of minimally invasive spinal surgery devices, announced today that it has received FDA clearance for its minimally invasive surgery (MIS) Capture™ Facet Screw System.

The Capture System was developed by Spineology in mid-2009 under the direction of Dr. Chet Sutterlin, product development consultant. The system is designed for percutaneous implantation and delivers bilateral facet screws using simple “over-the-wire” techniques through a single small incision. It is ideal for use in stable cases of lumbar degenerative disc disease.

“Our goal in developing the Capture System was to make a truly MIS system that is as user friendly as possible,” said Chet Sutterlin MD, Spineology product development consultant.

The Capture screw provides the surgeon with excellent implant control and tactile feedback during the surgical application. The system’s double head design allows the driver to grasp the screw so it can’t fall off, unlike a regular bone screw with a simple hexagon head. The head shape also abruptly increases insertional torque because it is positioned 90 degrees to screw shank.

“Spineology is committed to developing MIS solutions for spine surgery,” said John Booth, CEO for Spineology. “Capture is a great addition to our growing product line.”

### **About Spineology**

Founded in 1997, Spineology has become a MIS pioneer in the spinal implant industry. The company’s flagship technology, The OptiMesh System, is designed to enable spine surgery to be done in dramatically less invasive manner. The OptiMesh Deployable Grafting System works by allowing implants to be inserted empty and then deployed to their full size, once in position. The OptiMesh implant is currently FDA-cleared in the United States and CE-marked in Europe. Spineology is headquartered in St. Paul, Minn. For more information, please visit [www.spineology.com](http://www.spineology.com).