

COPAL® - The new product line for revision arthroplasty

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Heraeus is expanding its product portfolio and establishing a new product line for revision arthroplasty under the name COPAL®. Products range from bone cement with optimally matched antibiotic additive for the fixation of implants during one- and two-stage revisions, to cement that is specially designed for making temporary spacers in two-stage revision surgery. COPAL® cements by Heraeus individually and reliably cover numerous revision applications.

Copal has become COPAL® G+C.

With the establishment of the new product line, the bone cement previously known under the name COPAL® is being renamed COPAL® G+C. This cement features the addition of 1 g gentamicin and 1 g clindamycin with a broad spectrum. This combination is effective against more than 90% of clinically relevant germs.

COPAL® spacem – the innovative spacer cement by Heraeus

COPAL® spacem is the new cement in the COPAL® product line: Due to its high degree of mechanical stability and its low rate of abrasion, COPAL® spacem is particularly suited for the manufacture of articulating and non-articulating spacer prostheses in the interim phase during two-stage revisions.

Notes for editors:

Heraeus: The company.

The precious metal and technology company Heraeus, with its headquarters in Hanau, is an international, family-owned company specializing in precious metals, medical and dental products, sensors, quartz glass and special light sources. With revenues of over EUR 12 billion in 2007 and some 12,000 employees and 100 subsidiaries and affiliates around the world, Heraeus has been a leader in the areas of precious metals and materials technology for over 150 years.

Heraeus Medical: A part of the Heraeus group.

Heraeus Medical belongs to Heraeus Holding and is headquartered in Wehrheim, Germany.

By developing, manufacturing and marketing first-class biomaterials, Heraeus Medical is making a significant contribution to improving the results of bone and joint surgery as well as tissue regeneration.

Thanks to continuous research and development, Heraeus Medical has received more than 600 patents in the area of biomaterials.

In 2009 Heraeus will be celebrating a 50-year success story with PALACOS®:

The bone cement PALACOS® has been a synonym for tried and tested bone cement in primary arthroplasty for decades. The product portfolio is supplemented by the COPAL® products, which were specially developed for use in revision arthroplasty.

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