



**Guard Medical announces the enrollment of the first 5 patients
in the post-market study of its NPseal**

Miami, June 7, 2021 – Privately-held company [Guard Medical Inc.](http://www.guard-medical.com) today announces enrollment of the first five patients in the post-market study of its **NPseal™** at Keck Medical Center of USC. **NPseal™** is the next generation, All-in-One Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) system for the treatment of closed surgical incisions. Guard Medical's simple, innovative and cost-effective NPWT **NPseal™** is a wearable dressing with an integrated pump that establishes and maintains negative pressure with just a few pinches.

"The application of negative pressure wound therapy is simple. The dressing maintained negative pressure for the duration of therapy as prescribed by the study protocol," stated **Joongho Shin, MD**, colon and rectal surgeon, Keck Medicine of USC, and principal investigator of the study.

"The first cases demonstrate fast application and easy activation of the NPseal™" stated **Machiel van der Leest**, CEO of Guard Medical. "This ease of use combined with its cost effectiveness makes prophylactic use of NPWT for closed surgical wounds possible."

NPWT has been shown to reduce Surgical Site Infections (SSI) in a large number of peer reviewed articles but is in limited use due to its high cost and complexity. While being easy-to-use, **NPseal™** delivers the same NPWT as current more expensive and complex NPWT devices.

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Guard Medical Inc. (www.guard-medical.com), a privately-held company, is developing easy-to-use and cost-effective solutions that enables prophylactic Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) wound care of closed surgical incisions. Guard Medical's simple NPWT technology originated with NewYork-Presbyterian and Weill Cornell Medicine in response to physician's identification of unmet needs related to Surgical Site Infections (SSI). Current investors include Bpifrance and Matignon Investissement et Gestion.

Guard Medical's vision is to develop NPWT solutions for use on a wide range of surgical wound types and sizes with broad applications for infection prevention, scar mitigation and enhanced cosmesis.

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