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**New Medical Facilities ★ Limb Regeneration ★ CBRN Policy
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Medical Retraction Device Gains in Popularity

Vycor Medical Inc. announced its ViewSite Brain Access System (VBAS) medical retraction device, said to be the first significant neurosurgery retraction device redesign in more than 80 years. It offers less invasive ways to access surgical locations and perform critical procedures with minimal damage to surrounding brain tissue.

The company was asked to compare VBAS to fielded systems. Vycor Medical's CEO Kenneth T. Coviello responded, "We have had numerous surgeons tell us that they feel the VBAS device is less invasive. This has been supported by post-op MRI images. Many times you will see 'tracking' on post MRI for deep lesions. The presence of tracking is an indication of the absence of pre-op tissue that is no longer there. It is the track of tissue dissection that was made to access the tumor or lesion. There is a case on our Website, and others reported that with VBAS the surgeon did not see the post-op tracking, an indication that less tissue was disturbed or dissected, therefore less invasive."

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New Handheld Eye Exam Device

To deliver a quality eye exam anywhere, on anyone, Keeler has developed the new PSL Classic Portable Slit Lamp. Perfect for non-ambulatory patient visits, off-site clinics, examinations of young children and patients who don't fit into the traditional examination lane, the PSL packs precision Keeler optics into a handheld unit.

The PSL's advanced optics offer x10 and x16 'flip lever' magnification, with illumination control down to zero. Its back-up facility ensures power 100 percent of the time. The PSL slit and wheels include slits from 0.15 to 1.6 mm wide, a 12 mm circle, and a 1 mm square to produce anterior flare, aiding in the diagnosis of uveitis. Red-free, blue and neutral density filters come as standard.



Hydrogel Decontaminate Available for U.S. DoD

DeconGel is multiple national-award winning hydrogel used to efficiently and safely decontaminate surfaces of radioactive isotopes and other hazardous chemicals and toxins. DeconGel is said to be affordable, environmentally friendly, safe to use, non-caustic, and requires no mixing. "Simply apply, let dry and easily peel off. It removes persistent contami-

nants from microscopic pores and 3-D shapes without the need for scrubbing or containing huge volumes of waste solution," read a company statement. Tested and proved at DOE labs, nuclear power plants and commercial toxic industrial chemical sites. In 2010 DeconGel was used to decontaminate beryllium from 48,500 square feet of surface area, including

office material and laboratory equipment, historical artifacts and irreplaceable items. "Approximately 250 tons of beryllium-contaminated equipment was removed, making 27 laboratories and three high bay areas in 12 buildings reusable with an overall savings on 70 percent compared to traditional decontamination methods," continued the company statement.

PEOPLE



Rear Admiral (lower half) Elizabeth S. Niemyer has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Niemyer is the

director, Tricare Region – West, San Diego, Calif.

Army Colonel Ming T. Wong was nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Wong is the commander, U. S. Army Dental Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Rear Admiral Karen A. Flaherty will be assigned as deputy chief,

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C. Flaherty is the deputy chief, wounded, ill and injured, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C.

Army Colonel Nadja Y. West was nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. West is the commander, Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, N.C.



Navy Captain Elaine C. Wagner has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Wagner is the commanding

officer, Naval Health Clinic New England, Newport, R.I.

Navy Captain Colin G. Chinn was nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Chinn is the force surgeon, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii.