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MD-Max™ *ULIF* System's Minimally Disruptive, Maximum Access Approach Can Create Better Outcomes for Patients, Surgeons and Hospitals Over Classic Open Approach Says Dr. Donald Kucharzyk

February 17, 2015 — Parsippany, NJ — Donald Kucharzyk, D.O. recently stated that he has proven — through rigorous empirical scientific work confirmed during numerous successful surgical procedures — that the benefits of using the minimally disruptive, maximum access approach for spine surgery permitted by the Precision Spine MD-Max™ *ULIF* System over the classic open approach can create better outcomes for patients, surgeons and hospitals alike.

In an interview with the ORTHOWORLD publication ORTHOPRENEUR®, Dr. Kucharzyk stated, “The MD-Max *ULIF* System gives you (the surgeon) the ability to perform unilateral as well as bilateral distraction simultaneously, thereby opening up the disc space to give you a greater spacing in the disc, to place a bigger implant, and to give you greater distraction. That allows for symmetrical opening up of the neurological frame, both on the ipsilateral side and contralateral side. The approach allows entry through the natural plane that the body creates between the two major muscle groups of the back, the multifidus and the longissimus, and that’s a natural operating plane — you can go right in — that takes you right down to the spine. It preserves the muscles, thereby not damaging the main muscle group, the multifidus.” Dr. Kucharzyk further stated, “The other advantage in using the MD-Max *ULIF* System is you don’t have to learn new techniques. You can do it like your classic open approach, but instead through this minimally disruptive, maximal access approach.”

With nearly 20 years of experience performing minimally invasive spine surgery, as well as his involvement in developing minimally disruptive technologies, Dr. Kucharzyk has long sought ways to perform spinal procedures with greater ease and visibility. This led to working with Precision Spine, Inc. as lead development surgeon for the minimally disruptive, maximum access MD-Max *ULIF* System. The system employs minimally disruptive techniques already familiar to spine surgeons, thereby reducing the time needed to learn the functionality of the device. Surgeons are able to gain maximum access through small incision sites and perform both parallel and multi-level distractions. This muscle sparing approach can help reduce patient recovery times and produce greater OR efficiencies.

About Dr. Kucharzyk

Donald Kucharzyk, D.O., is a board-certified pediatric orthopaedic surgeon. He practices all aspects of children’s orthopaedics and spinal deformity surgery and has served in the Northwest Indiana area since 1989. He is on staff at St. Mary Medical Center, St. Anthony Crown Point,



Pinnacle Hospital and Hind Hospital. He has been a visiting professor for Children's Orthopaedics at the Beijing Children's Hospital, The Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital and Nemours Children's Hospital. Dr. Kucharzyk is active in working with local grade school and high school athletes, providing school scoliosis screening, and lecturing to community groups.

About Precision Spine

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