

## INSTRUMENTATION Winner: Surgimark Via-Guard

### Product description and innovation synopsis:

The Via-Guard surgical suction set combines two independent classic suction instruments, the Yankauer and the Poole, into one convenient device that serves both functions, Tip and Poole suction. The Yankauer tip mode is easily converted to Poole mode with the Via-Guard converter sleeve. Without changing instruments, surgeons can change suction mode.

The patented design is unique in the healthcare industry.

### What sets this product apart from others available in the industry?

Designed with instrument grade quality, both plastic and stainless steel, the Via-Guard is disposable with unparalleled clog-free performance. Made in three models – STANDARD Plastic Yankauer, VASCULAR Stainless-Steel Andrews-Pynchon, and CLASSIC Stainless-Steel Yankauer – the Via-Guard offers a unique solution that covers most surgical suction needs that may be required throughout all major surgical disciplines. No other suction instrument offers this degree of performance, versatility, or efficiency.

### How does this product benefit the surgical team and aid in better outcomes?

#### *Disposable*

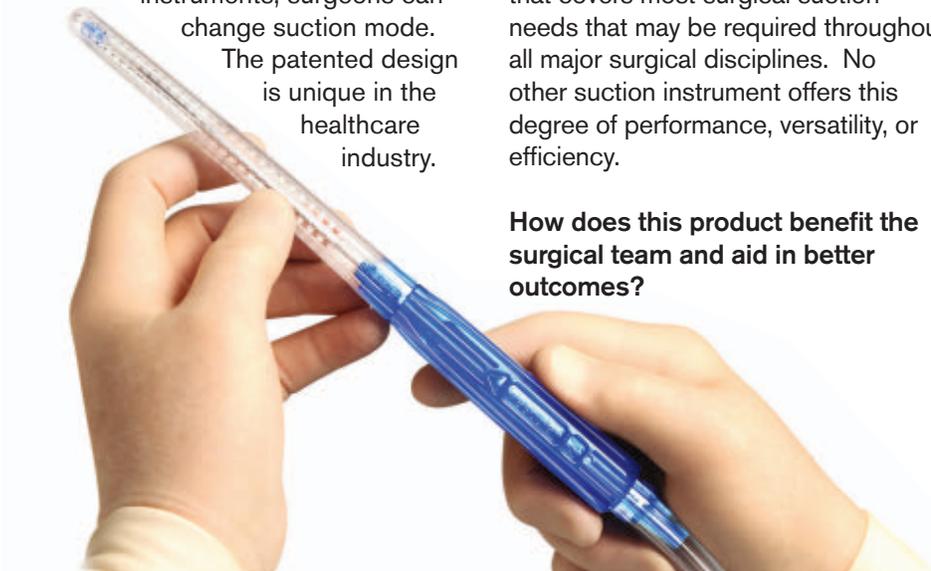
- Always clean and sterile
- Consolidates inventory
- Eliminates reprocessing
- Eliminates risk of SSIs caused by uncleanable suction instruments

#### *Instrument grade quality*

- Replaces existing inventories of suction instruments with one device of instrument grade quality and superior clog-free performance.
- Streamlines supply chain and inventory management.

#### *Clog-free superior performance*

- Improves surgical efficiency by removing fluids and irrigation from body cavities and wounds without clogging. This improves efficiency, work flow, and visibility while protecting patients from suction injury to soft tissues.
- Instrument grade quality provides ergonomic features that deliver confidence, control, and precision to the hands of the end users.



## INSTRUMENTATION Runner-Up: gSource Clean Wave Kerrison Punch

### Product description and innovation synopsis:

The Clean Wave Kerrison Punch from gSource has a slider with a wavelike shaped design which allows cleaning utensils to easily reach through the recesses and openings between the slider and main body for cleaning prior to sterilization. The punch has a forward angled foot plate which provides precise and controlled cutting action. It also features a thin foot plate design, 8 inch shaft length, and 1mm-5mm bite sizes. A bone ejector is incorporated into the design of the 2mm-5mm bite sizes.

### What sets this product apart from others available in the industry?

The wavelike shaped design of the slider sets the Clean Wave Kerrison Punch apart from standard spinal punches which do not have this feature. In addition to allowing for easy cleaning between the slider and main body, the wavelike shape of the Clean Wave Kerrison Punch also helps to reduce friction between the slider and main body, providing a smooth function.

### How does this product benefit the surgical team and aid in better outcomes?

In most spinal punches, tissue and debris can collect and remain trapped between the main body and slider.

This build-up can impede the smooth function of the instrument and prevent proper sterilization as a result of not being completely cleaned prior to sterilization. The design of the Clean Wave Kerrison Punch allows for cleaning utensils to easily reach between the main body and slider. The instrument also has a satin finish which helps to reduce glare.

