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PATTERSON MEDICAL PURCHASES ORTHOPLAST® AND ORTHOPLAST® II PRODUCTS FROM BSN MEDICAL

Patterson Medical recently announced the purchase of the Orthoplast® and Orthoplast® II product lines from BSN medical. Orthoplast® is a low temperature thermoplastic splinting material that can be easily cut and molded when heated. The products are used in a variety of rehabilitation and corrective prostheses to protect, support or immobilize a body part during the healing process. Orthoplast® and Orthoplast® II can be used for a variety of applications including but not limited to finger, hand, wrist, leg and back.

The purchase means Patterson Medical will be the sole manufacturer and distributor of Orthoplast® splinting materials. "We are the largest manufacturer and distributor of splinting materials in the U.S.," said Paul England, Patterson Medical director of marketing, Orthopedics. "With the addition of Orthoplast® and Orthoplast® II, Patterson Medical will have a total of 15 types of thermoplastic materials."

Orthoplast® is widely used by many occupational and physical therapists because of the materials handling characteristics. Orthoplast® II is a highly drapable material with moderate resistance to stretch. However, Orthoplast® is a maximum resistance to stretch material with excellent rigidity and durability. "Orthoplast® is a well-established brand within the thermoplastics industry," said Tom Darcey, senior marketing manager for BSN medical, Inc. "It's used by occupational therapists, which is not a core competency for us, but is for Patterson Medical. So, it seems appropriate that this exchange take place between two companies that have collaborated and continue to share products in the marketplace."

About Patterson Medical

Part of the progressive, global Patterson Companies (NASDAQ: [PDCO](#)) family of businesses, Patterson Medical is the world's leading distributor of rehabilitation, sports medicine and assistive patient products to the physical and occupational therapy markets. Its national sales force ranks among the industry's largest, bringing occupational therapists and physical therapists in hospitals, long-term care facilities and clinics the most comprehensive range of products, brand names and services available.

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