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PATTERSON MEDICAL EXPANDS GLOBAL FOOTPRINT WITH ACQUISITION OF SURGICAL SYNERGIES

Patterson Medical has announced the acquisition of Surgical Synergies Pty Ltd, an established rehabilitation distributor serving hospitals, surgeons, hand therapists, physiotherapists and retailers in Australia and New Zealand. Surgical Synergies joins Patterson Medical's international division alongside Ausmedic, Patterson's existing business supplying physical therapy products in both countries.

The combination of Ausmedic and Surgical Synergies positions Patterson Medical as the largest direct distributor serving core market channels throughout Australia and New Zealand. "The addition of Surgical Synergies expands our global reach and strengthens one of our key strategic markets," said Patterson Medical President Dave Sproat.

Over the years, Surgical Synergies has supported many Patterson Medical product brands as an exclusive distributor. Bob Donaldson, managing director of Patterson Medical's international division, said, "The product mix and market channels in which Surgical Synergies operates, as well as our mutual understanding of the unique needs of rehabilitation professionals in these important locations, make Surgical Synergies a great fit for rehabilitation professionals and for Patterson Medical."

Surgical Synergies Owner Chris Athavle agreed, "With our two companies having successfully partnered for so many years, this unique opportunity to be a core part of Patterson Medical will be beneficial in every way for our valued customers."

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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