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Interrad Medical gets FDA's OK for device

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[Interrad Medical Inc.](#), a med-tech firm founded by an interventional radiologist frustrated by dislodged catheters, received [Food and Drug Administration](#) approval to market its first product.

The device, SecurAcath, uses a tiny anchor that's inserted just below the skin to keep catheters firmly in place. For now, most physicians turn to sutures or adhesives. However, sutures can be unpleasant to use, and both methods don't always prove effective, said Jeff Killion, chief marketing officer for the Plymouth-based firm.

Dr. Michael Rosenberg, Interrad's founder, developed the SecurAcath technology after finding that pediatric patients could dislodge catheters simply by rolling over during sleep. That meant a patient could have to be brought back in for surgery just so the catheters, which are often used to deliver medications, could be reattached. Adhesives also don't always work for patients prone to skin allergies.

Interrad plans to undertake clinical trials before marketing SecurAcath. It is beginning trials, and hopes the product will be ready to market next year, Killion said.

The current SecurAcath device would be used with peripherally inserted catheters, used for lengthy treatments. However, the firm also is developing a device that could be used with a wider range of catheters, giving it access to a much larger market, Killion said.

The firm's biggest competition will come from adhesives makers, he said. Interrad, founded in 2004, has raised about \$7 million in capital, largely from individual investors.

Interrad Medical Inc.

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Employees: **9**

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