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MEDICAL DEVICES

Theken cleared to sell implant

Theken Spine LLC in Akron has received clearance from the Food and Drug Administration to sell its Vu ePOD Vertebral Body Replacement System. The system, which is due to be launched in the fall, is made up of polymer cages and titanium spacers that hold the place of a vertebra and its adjacent discs after replacement surgery. Vu ePOD is the fourth product of six for which Theken hopes to receive FDA clearance this year.