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SYNCRO MEDICAL INNOVATIONS TO RECEIVE \$500,000 FOR ADVANCEMENT OF BATTLEFIELD TECHNOLOGY

Youngstown, OH —Syncro Medical Innovations will receive \$500,000 for further research, development and technology transfer to military hospitals of cutting edge feeding tube technology for battlefield medical applications. The allocation is part of the \$459 billion Defense Appropriations bill the President signed into law last week. U.S. Representative Tim Ryan (OH-17) championed the effort to secure the \$500,000 in the Fiscal Year 2008 House Defense Appropriations bill.

"I am pleased to secure funding for the further development of a device that will help our American troops on the battlefield," Congressman Ryan said. "Syncro Medical Innovations just moved to the Youngstown area this year and is a symbolic sign of the economic growth that is brewing in the Tech Belt between Cleveland and Pittsburgh. I am absolutely committed to doing everything I can to follow up on the Tech Belt Summit I organized with Congressman Altmire in October to replicate Syncro Medical's success in this region."

Gary Wakeford, President of Syncro Medical, is a native of Youngstown and a graduate of Youngstown State University. For almost two years, Wakeford worked with a Boston-based venture capital firm determining the medical need for and marketability of the Gabriel Post Pyloric Feeding Tube. He concluded it was a quality product that met the needs of burn victims and other patients throughout the country, including the Brook Army Station in Texas. Consequently the Boston-based VCs poured \$2 million into the company and asked him to be the President, but Wakeford would only accept the offer if the company would locate its world headquarters in Youngstown where he could accelerate its growth, hire locally and contribute to the regional economy. The company opened its Syncro Medical Innovation's World Headquarters in the Youngstown Federal Plaza on October 9, 2007.

About Syncro Medical

Syncro Medical Innovations, headquartered in Youngstown, is a cutting edge medical device company that was founded in 1998 by physician inventor Dr. Sabry Gabriel. The company is currently marketing a cutting edge feeding tube called the Gabriel Post Pyloric Feeding Tube that uses magnets to set the tube in place. Several U.S. and international patents protect the Magnetically Guided Technology of the Gabriel® Feeding Tube. Gabriel trademark is registered at the US patent and Trademark office. The Gabriel™ Feeding Tube previously called "MagnaFlow" received FDA approval in July of 2002, for use in adults, pediatrics and the elderly. For more information go to www.syncromedicalinnovations.com <<http://www.syncromedicalinnovations.com/>>

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