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## **Pioneering surgical ‘cling film’ has successful debut at Arab Health 2011**

The UK creators of an ultra thin adhesive surgical ‘cling film’, which acts as a barrier to air and other fluids encountered during surgery, has reported excellent feedback from surgeons in the Middle East following an extremely successful Arab Health 2011.

Fluid leakage is a recognised complication following many forms of surgery, potentially resulting in adverse outcomes for patients, longer hospital stays and a greater risk of infection.

To avoid this TissueMed has developed TissuePatch – a family of unique films that cover tissues and bonds, forming a seal over the tissue surface within 30 seconds. By adhering to the proteins available on the surface of internal organs and tissues, traditional suture closure can be enhanced and healing tissues supported.

This year TissueMed’s pioneering technology was showcased in the Middle East with the support of the company’s Iranian distributor and representative Amir Naeimi, who reported that many Iranian surgeons visited the booth to learn more about TissueMed’s unique surgical sealant films.

Furthermore, the event gave the company an excellent opportunity to showcase its technology to leading lights in the healthcare industry from across the in United Arab Emirates including Mafraq, Rashid and Noor Hospitals.

TissueMed CEO Nick Woods stated: “We’re a small UK company with a big story to tell. I’d like to thank Amir most sincerely for his great work and ongoing support in telling the whole of the Middle East about our great technology. As our most successful distributor in the region he’s really leading from the front in showing surgeons the benefits of using a film to seal tissues during surgery. We’re actively seeking more distributors in the region and Arab Health is a tremendous focus for us to make new contacts”

TissuePatch requires no advance preparation, is easy to apply and more adhesive than surgical glues. Compared with other sealant options, which require several minutes to prepare, it is instantly ready to use, giving surgeons the ability to seal any potential leaks or areas of concern within seconds.

TissueMed’s films are being used across numerous specialities including such as Neuro/Spinal Surgery, Thoracic and General surgery to seal tissues and prevent undesirable leaks. The company strongly promotes the message that

by adjunctively supporting suture or staple lines, surgical outcomes can be improved and post-operative complications minimised.

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**More information about Tissuemed**

Tissuemed, based in Leeds, UK, is a leading medical device company with a reputation for technical innovation dating back over twenty years. The company has its origins in the development of tissue-based therapeutic devices including developing the first tissue heart valve to gain regulatory approval in Europe, subsequently developing "living" vascular grafts and collagen patches. The company developed light-activated surgical adhesives for which Tissuemed was the Gold Winner of the Medical Design Excellence Award in 2001.

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