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**MICROCARE MEDICAL AND DOW CORNING COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE THE FIRST
READY-TO-USE SILICONE LUBRICANT FOR THE MEDICAL DEVICE INDUSTRY**

The calibrated coating goes on consistently, improving device performance

NEW YORK, NY – MD&M East (Booth #1244) – June 8-10, 2010 – [MicroCare Medical](#), a supplier of advanced cleaners, carrier additives, coatings and lubricants, is proud to announce the availability of the first calibrated and ready-to-use line of silicone lubricants for design engineers and manufacturers. Duraglide™ Siloxane Lubricants are being offered in collaboration with a leader in silicone-based technology and fluids, [Dow Corning Corporation](#). The fluid will be featured at the MicroCare Medical booth during [MD&M East](#), the premier conference for the medical R&D, design, engineering, quality and manufacturing industries.

“We are proud to work with Dow Corning to be responsive in providing this first-of-its-kind coating to medical device engineers and manufacturers,” said Tom Tattersall, vice president of MicroCare Medical. “Dow Corning is undoubtedly the innovator in silicone fluids and technology, and together with MicroCare Medical service expertise, we have developed a fluid and process that ultimately delivers the best performance to customers.”

“This collaboration with Dow Corning and MicroCare Medical will benefit design engineers and manufacturers who are seeking increased efficiency by providing them with a ready-to-use solution,” said James Stephenson, Dow Corning global Healthcare marketing manager. “It will also provide increased access to our products and technology.”

Duraglide Siloxane Lubricants are linear polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) based, and are individually calibrated and mixed according to a customer’s needs using Dow Corning® 360 Medical Fluids and a carrier fluid that quickly deposits the lubricant prior to evaporating, leaving a thin, uniform film of PDMS. The coating can be used on a variety of medical devices, such as needles, syringes, blades or other devices that contact skin and require lubrication for better performance and patient comfort. The fluid is compatible with materials such as glass, metals, plastic and rubber, and can be applied using dipping, wiping, brushing or sprays.

Until now, silicone lubricants have typically been available only in concentrate, and the engineer or manufacturer is required to mix and calibrate the fluid internally once the concentrate is purchased. With Duraglide Siloxane Lubricants, the engineer and manufacturer are assured that the calibration from batch to batch will be completely consistent and specific to their needs.

“Calibration of the coating is very important to the performance of devices,” said Jay Tourigny, vice president of operations for MicroCare Medical. “We use our over 20 years of coating expertise to help customers find the calibration that will be best for that particular device, and we can also advise customers on ways to find efficiencies and improve the quality of their coatings process in-house.”

MicroCare Medical can provide Duraglide Siloxane Lubricants in any amount, from a few ounces up to 55 gallon drums. They can also provide samples to qualified users upon request, typically within 48 hours. As noted above, Duraglide Siloxane Lubricants can be used in various applications, on “sharps” and devices that come in contact with the skin such as needles or knives. In addition to excellent materials compatibility, other benefits of the fluid include easy, nonflammable handling in storage and in use, reduced migration propensities, and simple equipment requirements for both low and high volume part treatment.

Duraglide Siloxane Lubricants are available through the MicroCare Medical website at www.microcaremedical.com, and product shipments are scheduled to begin in July 2010. You can also reach out directly to Tom Tattersall with sample requests or queries at tomt@microcare.com, or via phone at 1-860-827-0626. Stop by and learn more at booth #1244.

About MicroCare Medical

MicroCare Medical is a division of MicroCare Corporation, an organization dedicated to the medical device industry and built on a 26-year legacy of chemical engineering excellence. As a supplier of advanced cleaners, carrier additives, coatings and lubricants to medical device designers and manufacturers throughout North America and Western Europe, Microcare Medical distinguishes itself as the most responsive supplier for medical device designers and manufacturers. Learn more about the 48-hour turn-around policy at www.microcaremedical.com.

About Dow Corning

A global leader in silicones, silicon-based technology and innovation, Dow Corning (www.dowcorning.com) offers more than 7,000 products and services via the company's *Dow Corning*[®] and XIAMETER[®] brands. Dow Corning is equally owned by The Dow Chemical Company and Corning, Incorporated. Dow Corning offers one of the most expansive lines of silicon-based performance enhancing materials in the healthcare industry – materials that are safe and beneficial in numerous applications. Product offerings include adhesives; antifoams and antifoam emulsions; fluids, emulsions and dispersions; topical excipients; rubber and elastomers; and tubing and molded assemblies.

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