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## **Wadsworth Medical Technologies Announces Decision to Manufacture DermaLOC in Massachusetts**

*CEO says he's "paying it forward" for Life Sciences companies in the state*

**Westborough, MA** – Wadsworth Medical Technologies today announced it has replaced its two out-of-state manufacturers and suppliers with companies based in Massachusetts. The Westborough-based medical device company has hired Baril Corporation of Haverhill and G&F Industries of Sturbridge to produce and distribute DermaLOC, its non-invasive, needleless wound closure system. Wadsworth hopes that its decision will help create jobs in Massachusetts and increase the tax base in these communities.

“The decision to relocate our manufacturing and distribution operations to Massachusetts was a no-brainer,” said Dr. Andrew Fox, President & CEO of Wadsworth Medical Technologies. “There are so many networks within the Commonwealth to support the growth and development of small life sciences companies like Wadsworth that it didn’t make sense to deal out-of-state.”

Last year, Wadsworth Medical Technologies received an Accelerator loan from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, a quasi-public agency tasked with stimulating the life sciences sector in Massachusetts. Fox says he sees this decision to support Massachusetts manufacturing and supply companies as a way to “pay it forward.”

“We at the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center are very pleased that our investment in Wadsworth Medical Technologies has been able to bring business to other parts of the state,” said Dr. Susan Windham-Bannister, President & CEO of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center. “Massachusetts is a great place to do business for life sciences companies at every stage, and a great place for skilled manufacturing to take place as well.”

Daniel Baril, President of Baril Corporation commented, “This program showcases the breadth and depth of medical innovation and manufacturing capability that resides here in Massachusetts.

This is a great example of how the support of a group like the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center can make a real difference in stimulating commerce in our state.”

"Partnering with other Massachusetts companies to bring a new product to market is exciting," said John J. Argitis, President of G&F Industries. "The wide scope of expertise, from concept and design to manufacturing, in Massachusetts is unique and offers tremendous opportunity for businesses in the Commonwealth."

#### **About Wadsworth Medical Technologies**

Wadsworth Medical Technologies is a Massachusetts-based medical device company targeting the wound closure market. Wadsworth uses next generation adhesives combined with intelligent engineering to form a painless system which can be rapidly placed with optimal healing results. Its lead product, DermaLOC Wound Closure System®, applies tension to skin wounds to close them without anesthesia or sutures resulting in a novel, painless, rapid, needleless and durable wound closure. For more information, visit [www.wadsworthmedical.com](http://www.wadsworthmedical.com)

#### **About the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center**

The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center is a quasi-public agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts tasked with implementing the Massachusetts Life Sciences Act, a ten-year, \$1 billion initiative that was signed into law in June of 2008. The Center's mission is to create jobs in the life sciences and support vital scientific research that will improve the human condition. This work includes making financial investments in public and private institutions that are advancing life sciences research, development and commercialization as well as building ties between sectors of the Massachusetts life sciences community. For more information, visit [www.masslifesciences.com](http://www.masslifesciences.com).

#### **About Baril Corporation**

Baril Corporation specializes in die cutting, laser cutting, multi-layer laminating and tool making. The company specializes in the manufacture of mission-critical products for the medical, military and alternative energy markets. Baril offers customers turnkey services to help clients of all sizes bring products from concept to successful commercialization. For more information, visit <http://www.barilcorp.com>.

#### **About G&F Industries**

G&F Industries specializes in custom injection molding for medical and technical devices. With over 30 years of silicone and plastic molding experience, the company has the experience, ability, and willingness to take on challenging projects from concept to mature production. For more information, visit <http://www.gandf.us/>.

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