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## **FDA Clears New Device to View the Urethra When Placing a Catheter**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — PercuVision® LLC, announced today that it received FDA clearance to market the DirectVision™ System, a new medical device that lets nurses see, in real-time, the inside of the urethra when placing urinary catheters.

The innovation, according to Errol Singh, MD, F.A.C.S., a practicing urologist, inventor and CEO of PercuVision®, is introducing vision to a procedure that is done blindly. “The problem with a blind insertion is that a nurse does not know the location of the catheter or what is preventing the catheter from advancing. The nurse is really driving blindly; guessing whether to push the catheter forward or manipulate it to get around a point of resistance. Risk of injury increases the more the catheter is manipulated. By the time I am called, damage to the urethra is usually already done. Using DirectVision™, you see what is ahead. You know when to push, when to turn, and in which direction.”

Direct visualization in medical procedures is catching on. According to the National Quality Forum Safe Practices, strategies for progressive organizations include “direct visualization of the urethra during insertion of catheters, with the recognition that damage to the urethra can occur with blind insertion, leading to risk of infection.”

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that one in four patients hospitalized in the United States is catheterized to void the bladder or monitor urinary output during surgery. In the male population, Singh estimates that about 20% of catheterizations are difficult.

“I am just delighted with FDA clearance,” says Singh. “We are now getting ready for market launch.”

### **PercuVision® LLC**

PercuVision’s® mission is to improve patient care by applying micro fiber-optic bundle technology to medical procedures. The DirectVision™ System line of products use patented micro-endoscope technologies. For more information, please visit our web site at [www.PercuVision.com](http://www.PercuVision.com)

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