



## Teleflex Receives Innovative Technology Designation from Vizient for LMA® Gastro™ Airway

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*Designation recognizes products that bring improvements to the health care industry*

WAYNE, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 7, 2017-- Teleflex Incorporated (NYSE: TFX) announced its LMA® Gastro™ Airway has received a 2017 Innovative Technology designation from [Vizient, Inc.](#), the largest member-driven health care performance improvement company in the country. The designation was based on direct feedback from hospital experts who interacted with LMA® Gastro™ Airway at the Vizient Innovative Technology Exchange in Denver on Sept. 14, 2017.

The LMA® Gastro™ Airway from Teleflex is the first laryngeal mask specifically designed to enable clinicians to proactively manage their patients' airways while facilitating direct endoscopic access via the integrated channel. With the airway in place, clinicians can easily direct an endoscope and provide a patent airway for patient safety, which can facilitate monitoring of end tidal CO<sub>2</sub>.

The use of moderate-to-deep sedation during endoscopy is a common practice. Respiratory depression from sedative drugs and airway obstruction requiring intervention are known risks associated with endoscopic procedures, with studies demonstrating that hypoxemia can occur in 11-50% of cases.<sup>1-3</sup> In the United States there are more than 6.9 million upper endoscopies performed each year.<sup>4</sup> Today, many of these are undertaken without an airway management device in place.

"Teleflex continues to develop innovative airway management products through collaboration with clinicians around the world. The introduction of LMA® Gastro™ provides a controlled airway management solution for many higher risk patients undergoing routine upper GI procedures," said Justin McMurray, President and General Manager, Teleflex Anesthesia and Emergency Medicine Division. "We are honored to have the LMA® Gastro™ Airway recognized as innovative technology by Vizient and look forward to a continued relationship with Vizient and clinicians with a focus on advancing clinical practice."

"The Vizient Innovative Technology Exchange offers medical technology suppliers the opportunity to demonstrate their products and gain direct feedback from the approximately 1,500 clinical experts who attend the event. Following exploration of the technological capabilities of the LMA® Gastro™ Airway at the Exchange, attendees recommended it receive an Innovative Technology designation. Congratulations to Teleflex on receiving this status," said Debbie Archer, director of procurement and Vizient Innovative Technology Program leader.

Vizient represents a diverse membership base that includes academic medical centers, pediatric facilities, community hospitals, integrated health delivery networks and non-acute health care providers, with more than \$100 billion in annual purchasing volume. Through its [Innovative Technology Program](#), Vizient works with member-led councils and task forces to review potentially innovative products. If it is determined that a product is innovative, Vizient may award a contract outside of the competitive bid cycle.

### About Teleflex Incorporated

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