# Teleflex Introduces Arrow® NextStep® Antegrade Dialysis Catheter

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*Chronic Hemodialysis Catheter Combines Ease of Insertion with Sustained High Flow*

LIMERICK, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 16, 2012-- Teleflex Incorporated (NYSE: TFX), a leading global provider of medical devices for critical care and surgery, has expanded its interventional access portfolio with the Arrow NextStep Antegrade catheter, now available for sale in the United States.

The Arrow NextStep Antegrade is a chronic hemodialysis catheter that combines a step-tip catheter's ease of insertion with a split-tip catheter's sustained high flow. Its unique tip is designed for smooth, over-the-wire transitions during catheter insertions and exchanges.

To reduce recirculation and deliver high flow, the Arrow NextStep Antegrade's tip provides two unique, complementary features:

1. The openings are reversed to take better advantage of blood flow dynamics within the heart.
2. The distal tips of both lumens are significantly separated to help enhance flow and minimize recirculation.

The NextStep Antegrade is one of several options in the Arrow dialysis catheter portfolio, a portfolio built with clinical needs and preferences—and the patient's needs—in mind.

The Arrow chronic hemodialysis catheter portfolio offers both split-tip and step-tip catheters for both retrograde and antegrade insertion techniques. The Arrow NextStep product family consists of step-tip catheters that can be tunneled using the retrograde or antegrade technique. The Arrow Cannon® II Plus and the Arrow Edge® products are split-tip catheters that can be tunneled retrograde or antegrade, respectively.

Teleflex offers catheter sets with Arrow Simplicity® color-coded micro puncture introducers and Arrow SmartSeal® Hemostatic Peelable Dialysis Sheaths. Teleflex also provides an offering of ARROWg+ard Blue® Acute Hemodialysis Catheters in the ErgoPack™ System. These acute catheters are treated with ARROWg+ard®, Teleflex's proprietary chlorhexidine-based antimicrobial technology.

"Our interventional access products highlight our commitment to partnering with customers to help enhance patient outcomes. Our goal is to offer products that are designed for optimal performance while meeting different patient requirements," said Linda Beneze, Vice President and General Manager, Specialty Products Division, Teleflex Incorporated. "We are proud to add the Arrow NextStep Antegrade to our portfolio."

**About Teleflex Incorporated**

Teleflex is a leading global provider of specialty medical devices for a range of procedures in critical care and surgery. Our mission is to provide solutions that enable healthcare providers to improve outcomes and enhance patient and provider safety. Headquartered in Limerick, PA, Teleflex employs approximately 11,600 people worldwide and serves healthcare providers in more than 130 countries. Additional information about Teleflex can be obtained from the company's website at http://www.teleflex.com.

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