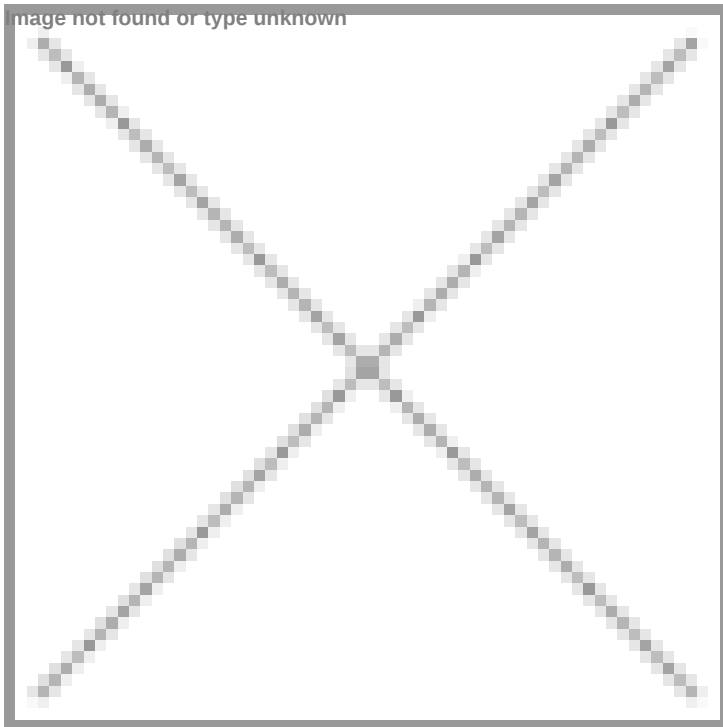


Stryker's spinal implants biz in Australia and New Zealand fully transitions to VB Spine

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VB Spine delivers specialised solutions that address critical needs in spine surgery and enhance patient outcomes



VB Spine LLC, a global, family-led spine company dedicated to advancing patient outcomes, has announced the completion of the sale of Stryker's spinal implants business in Australia and New Zealand.

This milestone builds on the acquisition of Stryker's US spinal implants business by Viscogliosi Brothers, LLC. It also marks VB Spine's first market entry outside the United States and establishes a direct presence in two fast-growing markets.

VB Spine continues to have exclusive access to Stryker's Mako Spine and the Copilot automatic depth stop feature. This strategic partnership creates a strong foundation for VB Spine's continued growth, providing surgeons greater precision and improving patient outcomes.

LifeHealthcare, already the long-standing distributor for these products, will continue as the exclusive partner, providing uninterrupted product availability and clinical support for surgeons and their patients throughout Australia and New Zealand.

All current spinal implant SKUs remain available through LifeHealthcare with no service interruption. Surgeons and hospitals will continue to work with their local LifeHealthcare representatives.

VB Spine plans to attend Deformity Down Under (DDU) in Brisbane, which began as a surgeon-led initiative to foster

collaboration, share knowledge, and improve outcomes in spine surgery.