

Mediflex Announces The **Dardik** Mini-Bookler[®] Carotid Endarterectomy System

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Mediflex has announce the release of a new procedure specific, Mini-Bookler Product Assortment...The **Dardik** Mini-Bookler[®] Carotid Endarterectomy System. The announcement was made this past week in National Harbor Maryland at the annual Society of Vascular Surgery Meeting. Jon Adler, President of Mediflex Surgical Products said that the company developed this system with Herb Dardik, MD, Chief of Vascular Surgery and Chairman of The Vascular Fellowship Program at Englewood Medical Center in Englewood, NJ. Dr. Dardik is world-renowned as a leading vascular surgeon, a prolific contributor to medical journals and the inventor of dozens of products that have improved if not revolutionized vascular surgery over the last 3 decades.

This new system was developed to overcome 2 common issues with traditional retraction in open carotid procedures:

- The inability of self retaining retractors (such as the very commonly used Weitlaner) to retract upwards as well as laterally
- The presence of tremor and fatigue in hand held retraction

These 2 issues are common in open carotid procedures as the majority of vascular surgeons performing carotids utilize a Weitlaner for lateral retraction and an assistant holding a Richardson, Army/Navy or similar device for cephalad retraction.

Similar to the Bookwalter Table Mounted System that was developed in collaboration with John Bookwalter, MD, the Mini-Bookler System relies on smaller basic components. It provides a stable base and provides a wide range of retractor styles that can be positioned in a virtually infinite number of positions.

In a soon to be published White Paper in *The Journal of Vascular Surgery*, Dr. Dardik writes,

"Carotid Endarterectomy continues to be an operation that is widely employed and associated with excellent outcomes. Challenges to attain adequate field visualization do occur. A new retracting device that vastly improves operative field visualization, particularly in the upper area where high lesions and limited cervical mobility can restrict or hamper technical maneuvers. Complex maneuvers such as mandibular subluxation or osteotomy may be obviated."

Mediflex is a Division of Flexbar Machine Corp and has specialized in designing, developing and manufacturing unique surgical devices for over 40 years. Their product lines are marketed world-wide and include Bookler[®], Universal Round Bar, Mini-Bookler and Davida[™] Table Mounted Retractor Systems; Flex Arm[™], StrongArm[™] and StrongArm **PLUS**[™] Surgical Holders and Positioners and a wide range of reusable and disposable laparoscopic instruments and devices. The vast majority of Mediflex Products are manufactured in the USA.