

**Frost & Sullivan Press Release****Published: 26 Mar 2004****Frost & Sullivan Recognizes AcryMed's SilvaSorb® as 2004 Wound Care Product of the Year****Date Published:** 26 Mar 2004

San Francisco, Calif. - March 25, 2004 - Frost & Sullivan has selected AcryMed's antimicrobial silver dressing, SilvaSorb, for the 2004 Wound Care Product of the Year Award at last night's Medical Devices Awards Banquet.

Each year, Frost & Sullivan presents its Product of the Year Award to a company that pioneers the development and introduction of an innovative product into the market which effectively meets customer requirements. Such innovation is expected to significantly contribute to the industry.

AcryMed has continuously demonstrated excellence in developing leading-edge products and technologies in the medical devices industry. Its advanced wound care and tissue repair products reflect AcryMed's successful product development strategies and ambitious efforts to stay a cut above competitors.

"AcryMed's SilvaSorb is a superior single-use wound dressing that incorporates antimicrobial silver combined with absorbent polyacrylate matrix moisture management material to combat wounds and prevent infection," explains Frost & Sullivan's industry analyst, Dhiraj Ajmani.

SilvaSorb incorporates the unique properties of AcryMed's patented biopolymer Microlattice® technology, which effectively manages wound moisture levels to maintain an optimal healing environment. It simultaneously controls the release of ionic silver, which is triggered by contact with moisture.

Microlattice enables SilvaSorb to provide moisture when required or absorb up to five times its weight in excess wound exudate, thereby preventing infection for up to seven days.

SilvaSorb's remarkable success may be attributed to its adaptability to varying levels of exudates thereby facilitating effective wound management. It is available in many different formats such as sheet dressings for low to moderate exudate wounds, and as perforated sheets and cavity absorbent dressings for high exudate wounds.

AcryMed has extended SilvaSorb's popularity with the recent launch of SilvaSorb Gel that supplements the benefits of the SilvaSorb wound dressing. This gel is not only the first of its kind but is also cost-effective, available in multiple-use tubes, and eliminates the need for topical antibiotics.

Held in San Francisco, Calif., the Frost & Sullivan banquet honored world-class companies for their outstanding performance and achievements in the medical devices industry. An annual event, the banquet recognizes the quality and merit of distinguished individuals and companies.

**About AcryMed**

AcryMed is a rapidly growing biomaterials and medical device company based in Portland, Oregon. It specializes in the development and manufacture of advanced tissue repair products through its patented core technologies. This technology base has extensive potential for the development of products, which combine wound dressing attributes with healing agents for resolving a wide range of both acute and chronic wounds. AcryMed's silver wound dressing, SilvaSorb is marketed exclusively in the United States by Medline Industries, Inc., Mundelein, Illinois.

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