

3M/Ivera Medical & Catheter Connections Settle Patent Infringement Litigation

3M and Catheter Connections Inc. announced today that they have settled the patent infringement litigation in the United States District Courts of California and Utah and at the United States Patent and Trademark Office between 3M's newly acquired Ivera Medical Corp. and Catheter Connections Inc. The settlement relates to disinfecting port protector intellectual property, including Catheter Connections' DualCap System™ products and 3M™ Curoc™ products and resolves all disputes between the two parties. The specific terms of the settlement are confidential.

In a joint statement the two companies commented, "This agreement between 3M and Catheter Connections ends the legal disputes between our two companies and enables each company to direct its full energies toward further innovation and development in the market for products that disinfect and protect devices used for accessing the patient's bloodstream."

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About Catheter Connections®

Headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, Catheter Connections, Inc., develops and commercializes innovative vascular access products designed to protect patients from acquiring infections during intravenous infusion therapy. For more information, visit www.catheterconnections.com.

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