



## **NEW 3 FRENCH CATHETER WITH PASV® VALVE TECHNOLOGY ADDED ASSET FOR A HOSPITAL'S INFECTION PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Marlborough, MA (January 13, 2009) -- Navilyst Medical, the global medical device manufacturer of the Pressure Activated Safety Valve (PASV®) Valve Technology, has added a 3 French diameter Vaxcel® PICC with PASV® to its growing Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) product line. The 3 F catheter significantly expands the application of PASV Technology, particularly in pediatric and elderly patient populations, two patient groups that tend to have increased risk of infection due to immature or weakened immune systems.

Navilyst Medical's catheter's with proprietary PASV® Valve Technology have been shown to reduce rates of catheter occlusions (blockages) and catheter-related bloodstream infections. Effective October 1, 2008, US hospitals are now cost accountable for certain medical errors and preventable medical care complications, including catheter-related bloodstream infections. At an estimated \$100,000 per event which includes increased diagnostic and therapeutic costs, and increased length of hospitalization, reducing the rate of hospital-acquired catheter-related infections has become a top priority for hospital administrators and hospital infection control teams nationwide. In addition, the Vaxcel PICCs with PASV Valve Technology do not require the use of heparin to keep the lines patent (open) for therapy administration. Heparin, and other anti-coagulants, when dosed incorrectly, can lead to significant patient complications including death, are another target for hospital patient safety initiatives in 2009.

### **About Navilyst Medical**

Navilyst Medical, headquartered in Marlborough, MA, was formed in February 2008 from Boston Scientific's Fluid Management and Vascular Access business units. Its breakthrough devices, including the PASV® Valve Technology, expanded line of Xcela® PICCs and world-leading NAMIC® Fluid Management products, help hospitals to achieve safe, favorable outcomes for patients. The Company distributes its products worldwide and has its lead U.S. manufacturing facility in Glens Falls, NY. The name Navilyst combines the *navi-* of *navigation* and the *-lyst* of *catalyst*, encompassing how a leading medical technology enterprise drives industry-changing innovation. For more information, please visit: [www.navilystmedical.com](http://www.navilystmedical.com).

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