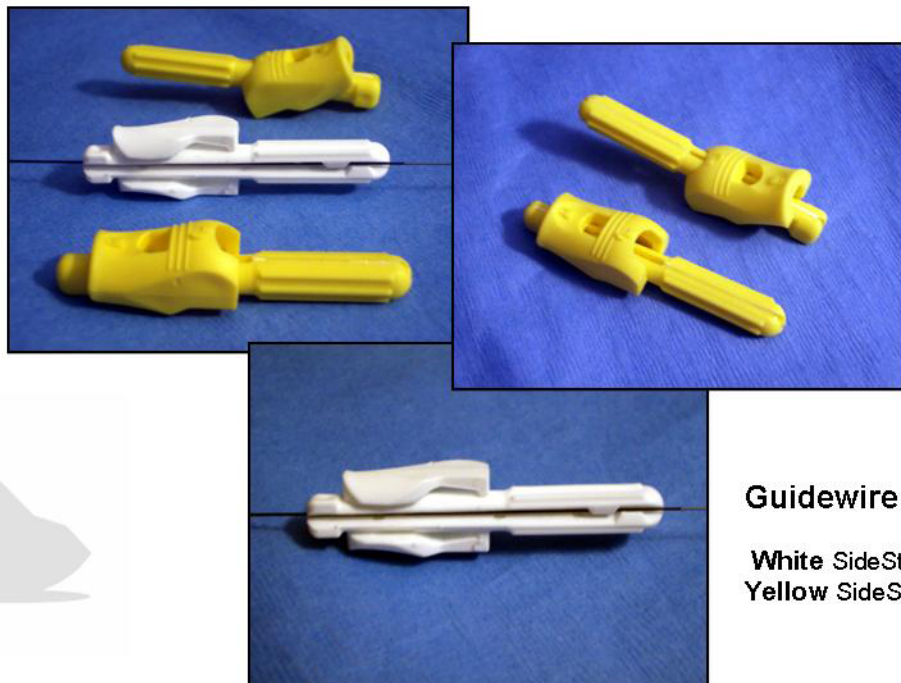


## *SideStep*<sup>™</sup> Side-Loading Steering Handle

### Product Description

An innovative, "side-loading" guidewire Steering Handle (torque device) designed to torque or steer guidewires through the vascular system and other human vessels and passageways. The unique side-loading feature reduces procedural time, facilitates ease of use and two sizes will accommodate wire diameters from .010" to .038". Competitive devices do not easily allow for the addition or removal of steering handles, as they must be threaded over the most proximal or back end of the wire. SideStep<sup>™</sup> offers a unique benefit in that clinicians would no longer have to back load lengthy guidewire products thereby saving valuable time and resources.



### Guidewire Compatibility

White SideStep<sup>™</sup> : .010" - .020"  
Yellow SideStep<sup>™</sup> : .021" - .038"

### Market Opportunity

The global market for guide wires consists of several distinct segments including coronary, peripheral vascular, urological and gastroenterology disease states. It is estimated that these markets account for interventional guidewire sales of approximately 15,000,000 units on an annual basis.

### Project Status

Project complete  
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Manufacturing in place and ready for sale

### Deal Structure

1. Acquisition
2. License (Upfront fee + royalty)
3. Distribution