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## RF SURGICAL ANNOUNCES THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH NOVATION

**Bellevue, WA - September 26, 2011**— RF Surgical, Inc., the leader in prevention and detection of retained surgical items (RSI), today announced a three-year agreement with Novation, the industry's leading healthcare supply contracting company. Under the terms of the agreement, Novation will provide the [RF Assure™ Detection System](#) to members of VHA Inc, UHC and Provista.

RF Surgical Detection Technology safely and accurately reads through deep cavity tissue, fluids and bone to detect if radio frequency tagged surgical sponges, gauze or towels remain in a patient following surgery, a dangerous [medical error](#). RF Surgical Detection Technology is the first, and currently only, solution for the prevention of RSI that will be available to the more than 30,000 healthcare providers nation-wide served by Novation. Novation selected the technology following a very rigorous clinical evaluation through its New Technology Program. The Program allows Novation to work with member councils and task forces to identify and review new or innovative technology that provides an incremental clinical benefit over existing products.

“Novation’s New Technology Program is excited to be help bring this type of technology – technology that reduces risk of harm to patients and raises the standard of patient care and safety – to the members we serve,” said Julie Ware, senior clinical manager, new technology, Novation.

“Implementation of RF Surgical technology is rapidly growing as healthcare providers recognize the opportunity to eliminate the dangerous, costly medical error of retained surgical items,” said Dr. Jeffrey Port, co-founder and chairman of RF Surgical. “Adjunctive technology for the prevention of retained surgical items in the operating room setting is fast-becoming a ‘must have’ tool for improving patient safety. We are thrilled to be the radio frequency detection technology provider of choice for Novation, and we look forward to the opportunity that the agreement presents to meet growing demand for this [patient safety](#) solution.”

## About Novation

Founded in 1998, Novation is the leading health care supply contracting company for more than 25,000 members of VHA Inc. and UHC, two national health care alliances, and 5,500 members of Provista, LLC, representing more than 30,000 sites. Novation provides alliance members contract and price management and spend management services. Based in Irving, Texas, Novation develops and manages competitive contracts with more than 600 suppliers. VHA, UHC and Provista members used Novation contracts to purchase approximately \$40 billion in 2010.

### **About RF Surgical Systems, Inc.**

RF Surgical Systems, Inc. is the market leader in the detection and prevention of retained surgical sponges. The RF Surgical Detection System is the preferred solution in more than 1,500 operating rooms, trauma and labor and delivery suites nationwide. Since January 2011, more than 70 hospitals and surgical centers have joined the fast-growing list of care providers using RF Surgical Technology. RF Surgical Systems is based in Bellevue, Washington with R & D facilities in San Diego, California. The advanced technologies used in the RF Surgical Detection System are protected by U.S. patents. Regulatory clearance to market the system was granted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in November 2006. The company is online at [www.rfsurg.com](http://www.rfsurg.com).