New Study Validates Milestone Scientific’s CompuFlo® Instrument for Epidural Space Identification in Difficult Patients

Research published in the International Journal of Obstetric Anesthesia finds:

- Objective identification of the ligamentum flavum and epidural space
- Difficult blocks rescued in a single attempt
- Differentiation between false and true loss of resistance for accurate placement

LIVINGSTON, N.J., Nov. 13, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Milestone Scientific Inc. (NYSE: MLSS) today announced a new clinical study published in the International Journal of Obstetric Anesthesia that finds the CompuFlo® Epidural System to be successful in objectively identifying the epidural space—even in difficult patients. Accurate epidural space identification can build physician and resident confidence while reducing the number of attempts, poor catheter placement and accidental dural punctures that can be costly to the hospital and painful for the patient.

Study authors from the Citta di Roma Hospital and Careggi Hospital in Italy, conclude, “We [have] validated the CompuFlo device as a means of adequately identifying the ligamentum flavum and the epidural space. And our preliminary findings suggest that it could assist the physician in training when performing epidural insertion.”

The article titled, “Experimental Validation of the CompuFlo® Epidural Controlled System to Identify the Epidural Space and its Clinical Use in Difficult Obstetric Cases,” confirms the instrument’s ability to distinguish between a true and false loss of resistance for accurate epidural placement. Additional findings include:

- Successful first attempt CompuFlo “rescues” with difficult patients, in which two previous attempts at performing epidural space identification failed with a loss-of resistance syringe
- Correlation between what an anesthesia provider subjectively feels using a standard loss-of-resistance syringe and the objective measurements displayed by the CompuFlo instrument when pressure changes – which offers quantifiable confirmation and confidence the epidural space has been properly accessed

Mark Hochman, D.D.S., Inventor and Clinical Director for Milestone Scientific, comments on the new study, “This further validates that the CompuFlo-Epidural System is able to safely and effectively identify the epidural space, giving providers a proven alternative to the loss-of-resistance syringe. CompuFlo offers an objective, quantifiable, real-time technique that can build provider confidence and success.”

Study investigators include Dr. Giorgio Capogna, Dr. Michela Camorcia, Dr. Alessandra...
Coccoluto, Dr. Massimo Micaglio and Dr. Matteo Velardo. The abstract is available at: https://www.obstetanesthesia.com/article/S0959-289X(18)30005-0/fulltext

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