

SyntheMed, Inc.

SYNTHEMED ANNOUNCES NEW MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS

ISELIN, NJ (October 2, 2008) -- SyntheMed, Inc. (OTCBB: SYMD) announced today that Richard L. Franklin, MD, the company's Chairman, has assumed the newly-created position of Executive Chairman and Gere S. diZerega, MD, one of the company's clinical advisors, has assumed the newly-created position of Medical Director. In these consultancy roles, Dr. Franklin will be primarily involved with strategic planning, external communications and Board leadership whereas Dr. diZerega will focus on clinical and regulatory strategy and product planning. Robert P. Hickey, the company's President & CEO stated, "We are very fortunate that Rick and Gere have agreed to expand their involvement with our company and we look forward to benefiting from their experience and expertise."

About SyntheMed, Inc.

SyntheMed, Inc. is a biomaterials company engaged in the development and commercialization of anti-adhesion products and other surgical implants based on its proprietary bioresorbable polymer technology. The company is developing a portfolio of anti-adhesion products lead by REPEL-CV® Adhesion Barrier, an anti-adhesion product intended for use in open heart surgical procedures. REPEL-CV is currently marketed internationally and is awaiting FDA approval to market in the United States.

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