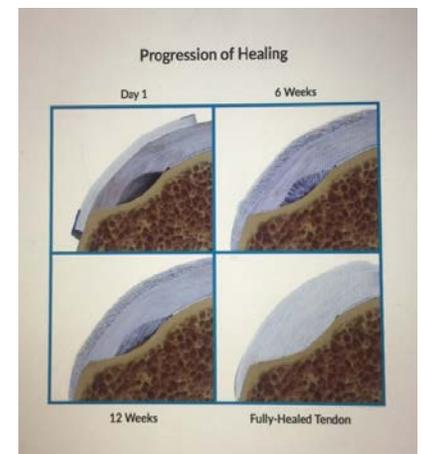
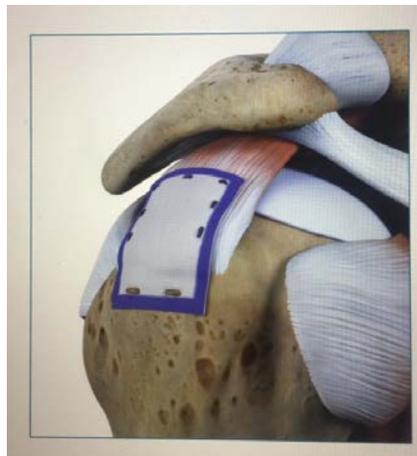




## **DR. THOMAS KOVACK PIONEERS BREAKTHROUGH, MINIMALLY-INVASIVE PROCEDURE FOR ROTATOR CUFF TEARS TO BENEFIT THE COLUMBUS AREA AND CENTRAL OHIO PATIENTS**

***- Noted surgeon is first in Central Ohio to use the new Rotation Medical bioinductive implant technology to induce growth, speed recovery in patients with rotator cuff disease -***

**Columbus, OH, SEPTEMBER, 19, 2016** — Dr. Thomas Kovack, a board certified and fellowship trained orthopedic surgeon who specializes in shoulder, elbow, and knee surgeries, is the first doctor in central Ohio to use a new technology that has delivered positive results to patients. DR. Kovack, who practices in Columbus, Ohio, is offering patients the Rotation Medical Rotator Cuff Bioinductive Implant, a new technology that biologically heals the tendon through the induction of new tissue growth, to treat patients suffering from rotator cuff disease.



The minimally invasive system is designed as a new option for millions of people suffering from rotator cuff tendon tears in the shoulder joint. Rotator cuff tendon tears affect more than four million people annually in the U.S. and are the most common source of shoulder pain and disability. Dr. Kovack has seen substantial advantages for patients using the new approach.

“There has been a strong clinical need for a new solution to treat rotator cuff disease and up until now, rotator cuff repair procedures did not improve the underlying tendon tissue structure and a large number of repaired tendons deteriorated over time and became prone to re-tears,” said Dr. Thomas Kovack, orthopedic surgeon at Hand and Microsurgery Associates. “I believe this new technology that enhances the biology and recovery of rotator cuff tears as they are repaired may be the missing piece of the puzzle and help dramatically reduce the re-tear rate of the rotator cuff currently seen after repair.”

Rotator cuff injuries occur most often in people who repeatedly perform overhead motions in their jobs or sports and the risk of injury increases with age. Tears that start out small, over time, often develop into larger, more painful and debilitating tears due to continuing degeneration of the torn tendon.

The Rotation Medical Rotator Cuff System, manufactured by Rotation Medical, is suitable for a large segment of rotator cuff disease, from small (low grade) partial tears to large full-thickness tears. This treatment can be used for both previously treated and untreated patients. The technology received clearance from the FDA in April 2014 and the company initiated a post-market clinical trial that was conducted with leading orthopedic and sports medicine surgeons across the U.S. Today, the procedure is growing exponentially and more than 150 surgeons throughout the country have performed more than 2,500 surgeries using the Rotation Medical device. More information about Rotation Medical can be found at [www.rotationmedical.com](http://www.rotationmedical.com) and additional publications are available in the resources area on the company's [website](#).

A noted expert on shoulder and elbow surgeries, Dr. Kovack hails from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and obtained his undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh. He attended the University of Kansas City School of Medicine and Biosciences and finished his internship and orthopedic residency through Ohio University at Doctor's Hospital in Columbus. He then completed a sub-specialty fellowship in advanced shoulder and elbow surgery with the Florida Orthopedic Institute at Tampa General Hospital. Dr. Kovack has consulted throughout his career with various companies to help educate, teach, and advance orthopedic shoulder and elbow surgery, and is still engaged in teaching other surgeons advanced surgical skills and procedures in shoulder and elbow surgery.

Dr. Kovack sees patients at Hand and Microsurgery Associates, located at 1210 Gemini Place, Suite 200 in Columbus, OH. For more information, visit [www.columbusshoulderdoc.com](http://www.columbusshoulderdoc.com) or call 614-324-8156 to schedule an appointment.