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Pioneer Surgical Technology announces its CE-mark approval for a unique motion preservation device indicated for degenerative disc disease.

The CE-mark authorizes Pioneer Surgical Technology to distribute its newest spinal product, an artificial nucleus, throughout Europe. Pioneer's strategy is to gain additional clinical experience through select collaborative efforts with renowned European surgeons and clinical centers.

Pioneer plans to initiate U.S. clinical trials (IDE Study) in 2006, which is necessary for FDA-approval.