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SAGES Ingenuity's SINC Fund and Varia Ventures Invest in Vampiro Inc. to Advance Innovation in Minimally Invasive Fluid Removal

August 6, 2025 – Los Angeles, Calif. – The SINC Fund, a venture capital fund sponsored by SAGES Ingenuity Inc. (<https://www.sages-ingenuity.com>), and Varia Ventures Management Company, LLC (<https://www.varia.com>), are pleased to announce a strategic investment in Vampiro Inc., a medical device company focused on optimizing irrigation and suction in laparoscopic surgery (<https://www.thevampiro.com>).

Previously, the only available suction instrument for minimally invasive surgery would frequently be occluded or clogged by surrounding organs, tissue, and debris. This requires additional time and effort to clear the surgical area, and oftentimes, complete fluid evacuation cannot be efficiently accomplished. Now, the Vampiro, the first minimally invasive pool suction sleeve that creates a dual lumen, will transform the suction capabilities in laparoscopic surgery.

"Laparoscopic surgeons everywhere have always been hoping to have a pool suction just like in open surgical cases," said SD Schwaitzberg, MD, FACS, Chair of the SINC Fund Investment Committee. "It was this feature that impressed us and motivated the SINC fund to invest. Vampiro will be a useful tool in MIS surgery."

"At Vampiro, we are focused on creating simple, clever solutions to real problems in the operating room. This investment represents a transformative moment in the advancement of Vampiro," said Abbey Santanello, Co-Founder and COO, Vampiro Inc.

"This investment will allow us to bring our product to surgeons across the country — enabling more effective irrigation and suction, with ultimately the potential to aid in the reduction of deep surgical site infections," added Steven Santanello, Co-Founder & CEO, Vampiro Inc. "By improving such a fundamental part of the procedure, our goal is to improve the efficiency and operative experience for surgeons and provide better outcomes for patients."

The SINC Fund (<https://sincinvest.varia.com/>) was launched to allow SAGES members and others to invest in a venture fund with a portfolio of startups primarily in the GI/GI surgery space. This investment supports SAGES Ingenuity's broader mission to champion

technologies that enhance operative technique, streamline provider experience and improve outcomes.

About SAGES

The Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) is a leading surgical society representing a global community of more than 7,000 surgeons who bring minimal access surgery and emerging techniques to patients worldwide. SAGES' mission is to innovate, educate, and collaborate to improve patient care, with a vision of reimagining surgical care for a healthier world. For more information, visit <https://www.sages.org>.

About Varia Ventures

Varia Ventures is a venture capital firm that partners with leading medical societies and expert communities to manage targeted investment funds that accelerate innovation in their fields.

About Vampiro Inc.

Vampiro Inc. is dedicated to transforming laparoscopic surgery with clever, innovative device solutions designed by surgeons to optimize clinical efficiency. By combining smart engineering with user-centered design, Vampiro aims to enhance outcomes across healthcare settings.

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