

Opto's subsidiary Eurocor becomes first ever to complete Aortic Valvuloplasty using drug-eluting balloon DIOR®

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Eurocor GmbH, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Opto Circuits (India) Ltd. (OCI), a leading manufacturer of healthcare devices, today announced that its 'paclitaxel-eluting valvuloplasty balloon' was the first ever to be used for Aortic Valvuloplasty on 26th Sept 2008, in Athens (Greece) during the Athens Interventional Cardiovascular Therapeutics (AICT).

The procedure was successfully performed by Dr. K. Spargias at Onassis Cardiac Surgery Centre, Athens on a patient with severe symptomatic aortic stenosis who could not be put under general anesthesia for surgical or transcatheter valve replacement.

Commenting on this development, Vinod Ramnani, Chairman & Managing Director, OCI, said: "We are delighted to report that the procedure was successful and the patient is recovering well. We hope through this clinical procedure to expand the life expectancy of patients in poor heart conditions. Eurocor is working on the availability of this product worldwide."

Aortic valvuloplasty is the repair of a stenotic aortic valve using a balloon catheter inside the valve. The balloon is placed into the aortic valve that has become stiff from Calcium buildup. The balloon is then inflated in an effort to increase the opening size of the valve and improving blood flow.