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CLEVER CLIP FOR LASER SURGERY REACHES NHS INNOVATION AWARDS FINAL

An innovative new instrument developed by surgeons at The Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield with Barnsley based medical device manufacturer Single Use Surgical was runner-up at the prestigious Medipex NHS Innovation Awards.

The product - called the 'Sheffield Clip' - comprises of a single use suction with a detachable clip. It replaces bulky, difficult-to-clean microlaryngoscopes that have narrow suction channels, thus reducing cross infection risk. The innovative design also provides continuous smoke evacuation for improved visibility.

Mr Jabreel and Mr Manickavasagam the surgeons who worked with Single Use Surgical to design the product, said: "We routinely use these sucker clips to perform all endolaryngeal surgery and overall, feel they are simple, easy to use and extremely efficient in suctioning fumes."

The Medipex Awards took place in October 2012. The ceremony identifies and rewards individuals and teams working for and with the NHS whose inventions have directly led to, or could lead to, improvements in patient care and which are capable of being implemented across the NHS. Reaching the shortlist for the awards is not a simple task, with Single Use Surgical being one of five finalists out of 150 entrants.

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About Single Use Surgical

Single Use Surgical provides an alternative to reprocessing instruments with narrow channels. It offers a wide range of disposable suction tubes for use in delicate surgery. The company's focus on high quality, ergonomic design and customer support provides hospitals with a cost-effective alternative to difficult-to-clean instruments. Switching to single-use also reduces the volume of complex devices that pass through Sterile Processing Departments, helping to alleviate time constraints and ultimately reduce Hospital-Acquired Infection rates.