

## **TACTILE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY: COMPANY OVERVIEW & HISTORY**

Tactile Systems Technology Inc. is a Minneapolis, Minn.-based company committed to helping patients with lymphedema and chronic wounds improve their health and enjoy a better quality of life.

The company was founded in 1995 by Irene Waldrige, a certified lymphedema therapist passionate about the need for more effective lymphedema treatment options to use at home. Irene spent six years developing and prototyping an innovative device based on the principles of manual lymphatic drainage (MLD) therapy.

Combining her knowledge of lymphedema with a background in design, Irene developed and patented the Flexitouch® system for the at-home treatment of lymphedema. In 2002, Tactile Systems Technology received clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to market the Flexitouch system for the treatment of lymphedema, and later, for healing chronic wounds. In 2008, Tactile Systems Technology received accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC). More than 280 insurance companies, including Medicare, now provide reimbursement for the Flexitouch system.

### **Industry Recognition and Support**

- Lymphatic Research Foundation 2007 Corporation of the Year Award (the first such award in the foundation's history)
- 2008 Platinum Supporter – National Lymphedema Network 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference
- 2008 Premier Corporate Sponsor – Lymphology Association of North America
- Member: LifeScience Alley
- Accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC)

