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## **Stretta Minimally-Invasive Treatment**

### **Stretta Minimally-Invasive Treatment For Patients With Chronic Heartburn.**

In skillful hands, the Stretta endoscopically-guided, minimally-invasive procedure for patients with GERD can be performed in an hour or less. To date, the procedure has been performed on more than 1500 patients in the U.S., with well-controlled studies revealing excellent results and virtually no complications.

The Stretta Catheter is an innovative design for simple, precise and safe delivery of radio frequency energy to the lower esophageal sphincter [LES], muscle and gastric cardia. As the treated areas heal, the barrier function of the LES is augmented, reducing the frequency and severity of reflux events.

The guidewire tip facilitates passage of the catheter to the gastroesophageal junction; the balloon supports precise delivery of submucosal needles; the ergonomic catheter handle provides optimal operator control.

Each of four channels continuously reports the temperature of the target tissue and mucosal surface, as well as tissue impedance. The computerized control

algorithm ensures optimal, automated achievement of selected parameters.

An integrated pump delivers chilled water via catheter ports adjacent to the site of needle entry, thus preserving the integrity of the mucosa. Energy delivery is terminated if temperature or impedance safety levels are exceeded.

Approved by the FDA, this procedure requires no general anesthesia and costs a fraction of the cost of long-term medication or inpatient surgery.

There is no hospital stay involved with the Stretta Procedure and patients are typically able to return to normal activities the following day.

Currently, options available for GERD are lifetime drug therapy or surgery. Surgery requires days of hospitalization and weeks of recovery, and has higher risks of complications.

Website:

<http://www.curonmedical.com/Products/Stretta/index>.