



BACCHUS VASCULAR, INC. ACQUIRED BY COVIDIEN

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It was announced today that Covidien, a \$10 billion global healthcare products company, would acquire Bacchus Vascular, Inc. The terms of the agreement have not been disclosed.

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