Olsen Medical Established
Olsen Medical® was founded in 1880 by Ole Olsen, a surgical instrument maker from Norway. Ole came to San Francisco at the age of 15 and became a skilled craftsman in the art of making and repairing handcrafted surgical instruments, originally working out of his home. Three generations later, in the 1960’s, the company redirected its focus to driving innovation in electrosurgical instruments and accessories. It also began providing private label products to the many firms in this emerging technology.

Symmetry Surgical is dedicated to developing high-quality surgical instruments that respond to the needs of clinicians as they arise, making a real difference in the lives of patients. Our broad portfolio brings together the rich history and distinctive product lines of the recently acquired stainless steel and titanium surgical instruments from Codman, the surgical instruments from Specialty Surgical Instrumentation (SSI) and the electro surgery instruments from Olsen Medical. Offering one of the most comprehensive suites of surgical instruments in the industry, Symmetry Surgical continues to collaborate with clinicians, global medical device manufacturers and thousands of hospitals to provide solutions for today’s needs and tomorrow’s growth. Headquartered in Nashville, Symmetry Surgical is a wholly owned subsidiary of Symmetry Medical Inc. (NYSE:SMA).

Olsen Medical Acquired by Symmetry Medical
The first line of single-use monopolar electrosurgical handles for use as electrosurgical pens and pencils were introduced in 1972. In 1988 Olsen introduced the first line of cost effective, single-use bipolar forceps and 10 years later introduced the Midas T ouch™ non-stick bipolar forceps. The Midas T ouch™ is listed as the predicate device in the 510(k) for the Silverglide non-stick bipolar forceps, and are the longest continually offered non-stick bipolar forceps on the market. In 2008, Olsen Medical® introduced the very first single-use irrigating bipolar forceps.

SSI Acquired by Symmetry Medical
SSI grew from a regional company to a global company. SSI brings its customers the trusted brands of: Access Surgical®, Ultra Systems® FlashPak®, Riley® Ultra Instruments®, Classic®, Classic Plus®, Rapid Clean®, Opti-Length®, Bookwalter®, Karlin®, NeoCon®, Magna-Free®.
our values

We are **passionate** about our mission to improve patient outcomes, our customers and our business.

We are **dedicated** to delivering exceptional quality and service.

We are **collaborative** with our customers, responding directly to clinician and provider needs with new innovations that help them deliver exceptional patient care in a total value environment.

our promise

To exceed expectations for quality, customer service and total value by acting in our customers’ best interests.

To develop and recognize our highly-skilled and diverse workforce.

To make wise investments, create innovation, enable sustainable operations and drive long-term growth.

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our product portfolio

With a robust pipeline and broad intellectual portfolio, Symmetry Surgical provides one of the most comprehensive instrument and device offerings in the marketplace today. A leader in the surgical instrument market, Symmetry Surgical is 100% focused on surgical instrumentation. Our breadth of product line allows customers to depend on us for virtually all of their surgical instrument needs. Product categories include retraction, containers, reusable and disposable electrosurgery devices, and instruments for open surgery, minimally invasive surgery and microsurgery. Our well-known brands range from the original Bookwalter® and Greenberg® retractor systems to the Ultra®, Acaaus®, Opti-Length®, Karlin™ and Classic® surgical instruments and the Olsen™ electrosurgery devices.

Surgical Specialties
- Arthroscopy
- Bariatric
- Colorectal
- General Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Otolaryngology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Otolaryngology/ENT
- Pediatrics
- Plastic/Reconstructive
- Spine
- Thoracic, Peripheral Vascular, Cardiovascular

Product Categories
- Central Sterile
- Containers
- Laparoscopic
- Microsurgery
- Minimally Invasive Surgery Instruments
- Open Surgery Instruments
- Retraction
- Reusable and Disposable Electrosurgery Devices
Through the acquisition of Olsen Medical in 2011, Symmetry Surgical gained an extensive and innovative product line from one of the oldest surgical instrument companies in the U.S., founded in 1880 by Ole Olsen, who crafted surgical instruments by hand. The attention to detail stayed with the product line to date, and Symmetry Surgical is revolutionizing the electrosurgery market by introducing the industry’s first single use irrigating bipolar forceps. Already a leader in the electrosurgery market with a broad line of single use and reusable forceps, pencils, cables, electrodes and accessories, Symmetry Surgical also introduced Midas Touch™ non-stick coating and attachment configurations for most generators. In addition, Symmetry Surgical carries many hard to find electrosurgical products and continually consult with clinicians to develop new ground breaking solutions to common industry challenges.

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Symmetry Surgical offers one of the most comprehensive portfolios of general instrument devices in the industry, and it’s also a specialty instrument company, carrying innovative, hard to find products for procedures ranging from arthroscopy to urology. No matter how specialized the instrument, Symmetry Surgical either carries or procures it, with the goal of meeting every clinician need at every point from pre-op to post-op. The premium quality Ultra and Access brands meet all clinician needs, and the recent acquisition of the stainless steel and titanium instrument portfolio from Codman & Shurtleff, Inc. broadened our brand portfolio to include Classic®, Classic Plus® and Karlin™ instruments, as well as Opti-Length® instruments for surgical management of obese patients, Magna-Free®, non-magnetic surgical instruments and Rapid Clean® detachable Kerrison ronguers.
retractor systems

A leader in the retractor market, Symmetry Surgical carries the original, market-leading Bookwalter™ retractor system and Greenberg™ cranial retractor system. By valuing strong partnerships with our surgeon inventors and continuing to listen to their challenges, Symmetry Surgical can respond with new solutions in the retractor market. The Reveal Lumbar, ACF and LoPro ACF retractors provide a wide variety of blades for any spinal procedure, increasing visualization and minimizing tissue interference. The Vision Retractor Systems conform to patient anatomies and offer unparalleled versatility in frame positioning. We’ve responded to our clinicians’ retractor needs.
One of the top instrument and sterilization companies in the U.S., Symmetry Surgical also designs and manufacturers containment devices and cases. As a market leader in immediate use sterilization, the FlashPak™ was designed specifically to allow delivery of sterile instruments within minutes. Our brand portfolio is designed to meet all clinician requirements with product lines that include the Quad-Lock™ container system, developed to address system security, and the Ultra™ systems, designed to meet needs for durability in a lightweight container system. Whether the issue is weight or shelf life, Symmetry Surgical’s team of medical engineers work with clinicians directly to develop the most practical solutions to pressing industry needs, as we continue to lead the category with high quality innovations.

containers + sterilization

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innovation

Many of Symmetry Surgical’s innovations have come directly from practicing clinicians, including the Bookwalter® retractor system, Staggs Uterine Compression Clamp and the ElbowLOC™ Arm Positioning System. We collaborate with our customers to identify and solve problems they face in their clinical practice and pride ourselves on bringing the best solution forward.

customer focus

Whether you’re a purchasing agent, nurse or surgeon, our goal is to develop a collaborative, service-oriented relationship. Clinically trained as professional instrument specialists, our sales representatives are available locally to assist clinicians with all instrument-related issues. From comprehensive strategies for managing instrument inventory to sophisticated supply management solutions, including an alliance network for extensive instrument sourcing needs, Symmetry Surgical is focused on exceeding our customers’ expectations.
commitment to quality

We are focused on delivering the highest quality instruments to our customers. Our facility in Tuttlingen, Germany is dedicated to inspection of all German sourced instrumentation. We are FDA Registered and ISO13485 Certified. We have a reputation for the highest quality instruments with a full line of O.R. Grade instrumentation. We assure pattern consistency, have stringent quality testing and our warranties support quality.

Warranties:
- Lifetime on materials and workmanship
- 10 years on Stellite™ inserts in Classic Plus® scissors
- 5 years unconditional on Classic® product line
- 5 years on tungsten carbide inserts on Classic Plus® needle holders and forceps
- 1 year on Quad-Lock™, FlashPak™ and the Ultra Container™

*Our products are warranted to be free from defects in workmanship or materials. Specific warranty periods and other warranty terms vary with over 10,000 products in our catalog and specific warranty information may be included in package inserts with specific products or in operator's manuals for specific products.