

# LAKE REGION MEDICAL® HISTORICAL TIMELINE

## 1940s

---

- Founded in 1947 with an investment of \$400
- Primary focus on manufacturing fishing lures and tackles
- 3 employees

## 1950s

---

- Business shifted to manufacturing water softening and treatment equipment
- Operated as a part-time contract machine shop

## 1960s

---

- Developed a method to manufacture small diameter pacing lead coils for Medtronic's new implantable product called a "Heart Pacemaker"

## 1970s

---

- Joe Fleischhacker Sr. left his current employment to focus on the growth of Lake Region
- Relocated to Crosby Industrial Park in Chaska, MN
- Expanded capabilities to include manufacturing complete guidewire assemblies
- 17 employees

## 1980s

---

- Purchased 15 acres along the shore of Lake Hazeltine in Chaska, MN to accommodate growth
- Constructed headquarter facilities at 340 Lake Hazeltine Drive
- Standard and custom guidewire production, specialty wire forming and precision machining became the primary product lines
- 450 employees

## 1990s

---

- Enhanced manufacturing capabilities and expanded available product lines
- Co-developed first implantable drug port in 1991
- Acquired competitive business, Schneider (USA) Inc., in 1993
- Opened additional manufacturing facility in New Ross, Ireland in 1994
- Expanded Chaska, MN & New Ross, Ireland campuses
- 750 employees

## 2000s

---

- Received the "Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Chairperson's Award."
- Opened sales office in Shanghai, China
- Recognized by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal as the #8 medical-technology company in Minnesota
- Acquired Brivant Medical in Galway, Ireland in 2009
- Over 1,600 employees



---

### World Headquarters

340 Lake Hazeltine Drive  
Chaska, MN 55318-1029 USA  
TEL 952.361.2515  
FAX 952.448.7012  
mktgsales@lakergn.com  
lakeregionmedical.com

### China Sales Office

Suite A 22nd Floor  
1800 Zhongshan West Road  
Shanghai, China  
TEL (86) 21 6440 0933  
FAX (86) 21 6440 3173

### Research & Development Center

Parkmore West Business Park  
Galway, Ireland  
TEL +353.91.385037  
FAX +353.91.766598

### Ireland Service Location

Lake Region Medical Limited  
Butlersland, New Ross, Co.  
Wexford, Ireland  
TEL +353.51.440500  
FAX +353.51.440563