

Press Release

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***Ewing Bemiss & Co. Announces Advising on
Owens & Minor, Inc.'s Acquisition of Access Diabetic Supply***

Richmond, Virginia — April 24, 2006 *Ewing Bemiss & Co.* is pleased to announce that it served as the exclusive financial advisor to *Owens & Minor, Inc.*, (NYSE: OMI) in the acquisition of *Access Diabetic Supply, LLC*, a Florida-based distributor of diabetic supplies. The acquisition complements *Owens & Minor's* long-term strategy to expand its market and customer base in healthcare.

Owens & Minor, a FORTUNE 500 company headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, is the leading distributor of national name-brand medical and surgical supplies and a healthcare supply chain management company. With a diverse product and service offering and distribution centers throughout the U.S., the company serves hospitals, integrated healthcare systems, alternate care locations, group purchasing organizations and the federal government.

Access Diabetic Supply, LLC, based in Pompano Beach, Florida, is a leading national provider of direct-to-consumer diabetes testing supplies to eligible Medicare and privately insured individuals. Access distributes products used by diabetes patients for daily monitoring of blood glucose levels, including meters, test strips and lancets.

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