

The History of the Olympus Medical Business

| Year | Main Accomplishments |
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| 1950 | Development of world's first practical gastrocamera |
| 1952 | Above mentioned gastrocamera commercialized, unveiled as GT-I |
| 1955 | Gastrocamera Research Group established |
| 1964 | GTF gastrocamera fiberscope released Established corporation in Europe |
| 1966 | GFB fiberscope for biopsy released |
| 1968 | Established corporation in U.S. |
| 1974 | Partnership with Winter & Ibe GmbH in Germany (entered into surgical endoscopy area the next year) |
| 1979 | Winter & Ibe GmbH becomes subsidiary Establishment of U.S. location in California (currently the world's largest endoscope service center) |
| 1982 | Endoscopic ultrasound system introduced |
| 1985 | EVIS-1 endoscopic video system announced |
| 1987 | KeyMed Ltd. (U.K.) becomes subsidiary |
| 1989 | Beijing residential office established Established corporation in Singapore |
| 1990 | EVIS-200 series endoscopic video information system announced |
| 1993 | Established corporation in Russia |
| 2000 | EVIS EXERA series endoscopic video system introduced in Europe and North America |
| 2001 | Comprehensive partnership with Terumo Corporation for medical equipment started |
| 2002 | VISERA series video system for endoscopic surgery introduced EVIS LUCERA – the world's first high-definition endoscopic video system – released in Japan, the U.K., and parts of Asia Established corporation in Brazil |
| 2004 | Established marketing/services company for medical equipment in China Celon AG (Germany) becomes subsidiary |
| 2005 | Small intestine capsule endoscopy system introduced in Europe (expanded afterward to North America, Japan, and other regions) Established center for repair of endoscopy products and management of loan units in Japanese market (Shirakawa, Fukushima Prefecture) |
| 2006 | EVIS EXERA II and EVIS LUCERA SPECTRUM endoscopic video systems that include NBI introduced VISERA PRO surgical video endoscopy system introduced Established service company in Vietnam (now also responsible for sales) Established repair center for endoscopic products in Chinese market |
| 2008 | Gyrus plc. (U.K.) becomes subsidiary New plant for the production of digital cameras and medical equipment established in Vietnam Training centers established in Germany and China (Shanghai) |
| 2009 | Established medical equipment marketing company in India Commenced operation at new factory in Czech Republic Commencement of operation of new Czech factory announced |
| 2010 | Spiration Inc. (U.S.) becomes subsidiary Training center established in China (Beijing) Joint development with Siemens AG (Germany) announced regarding a magnetically-guided capsule endoscope |
| 2011 | Acquisition of ownership of US company Spirus Medical, Inc. an endoscope insertion device manufacturer Introduction of Surgical Imaging Platform "VISERA ELITE" Olympus' NBI Technology Recognized by the Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation |
| 2012 | Introduction of EVIS EXERA III and EVIS LUCERA ELITE, series of next-generation platform systems for gastrointestinal endoscopy introduced. THUNDERBEAT series of world-first composite electrosurgical devices that combine bipolar high-frequency current and ultrasonic energy introduced |
| 2013 | Sony Olympus Medical Solutions Inc. established (joint venture with Sony Corporation) Launched 3D surgical videoscope system (launched simultaneously with a 3D videoscope featuring a world-first tip bending function) Training center established in China (Guangzhou) |
| 2015 | Introduction of "VISERA 4K UHD" surgical endoscopy system incorporating 4K technology |
| 2016 | Training center established in Thailand Established corporation in Dubai |
| 2017 | Introduction of "VISERA ELITE II" surgical endoscope system Image Stream Medical, Inc. (U.S.) becomes subsidiary |

Blue items indicate the establishment of new locations and subsidiaries.

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