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COMPANY HISTORY

- **1980** – Alan Olsen forms Danek Medical as an orthopedic soft-goods company. Danek name formed from the letters of the names of Olsen’s family.
- **1985** – Biotechnology, Inc., purchases Danek Medical from Alan Olsen, forming the basis for what eventually will become Danek Group, Inc.
- **1991** –The Danek Group, Inc. goes public on the Nasdaq Stock Market (NASDAQ: DNKG).
- **1993** – Danek Group shareholders vote “yes“ for merging the company with the privately held French company, Sofamor, S.A., headquartered in Rang-du-Fliers, France. The new company bears the name Sofamor Danek Group, Inc.
- **1993** – Sofamor Danek Group begins trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: SDG).
- **1999** – Sofamor Danek Group shareholders approve a merger with Medtronic, Inc., the world's leading medical technology company. The new company bears the name Medtronic Sofamor Danek.
- **2006** – Company evolves away from Sofamor Danek name to Medtronic’s Spinal and Biologics business unit.