



Advanced Therapies for the Sports Medicine & Severe Burn Care Markets

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Vericel is a Leader in Advanced Therapies in Sports Medicine and Burn Care, Combining Innovations in Biology with Medical Technologies



Our Vision

Every patient benefits from therapies as unique as they are



Our Mission

We provide precision therapies that repair injuries and restore lives

SPORTS MEDICINE



autologous cultured
chondrocytes
on porcine
collagen membrane



arthro™

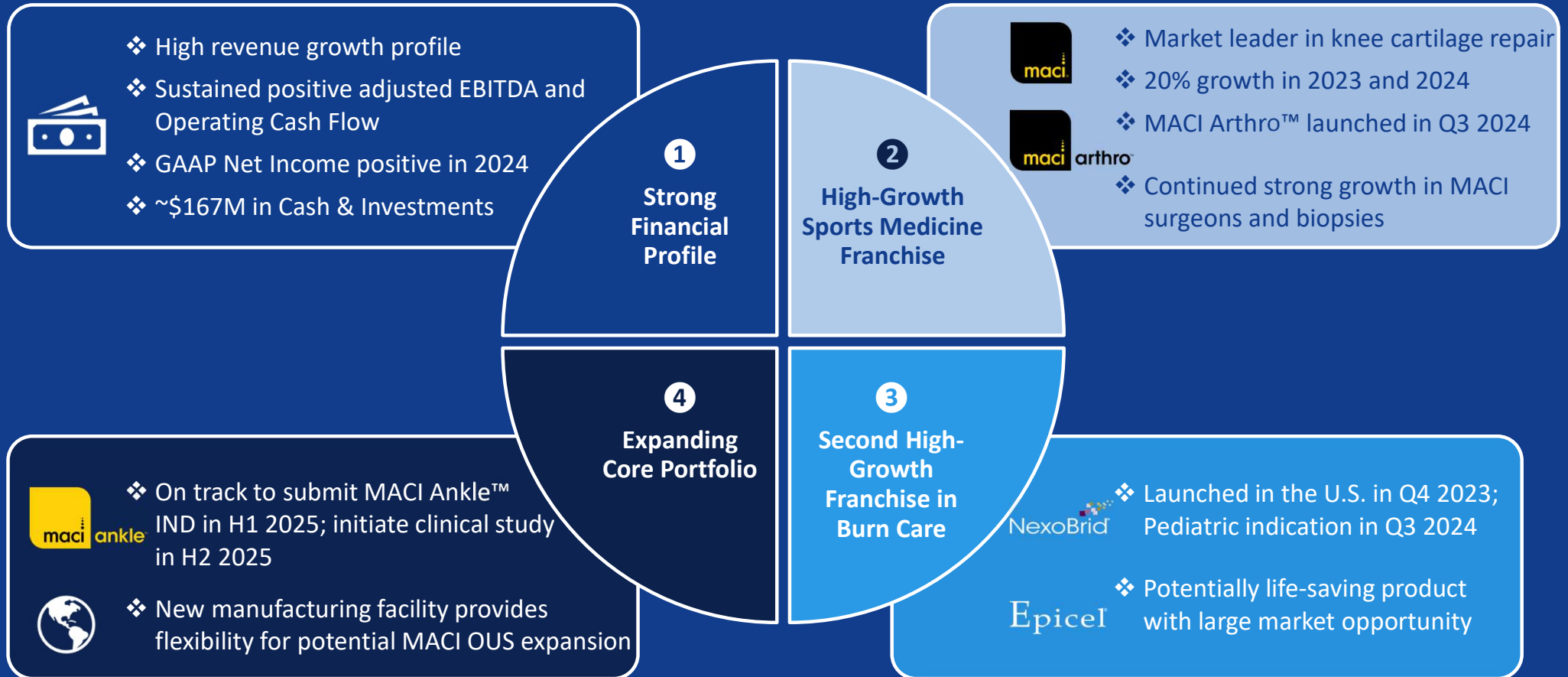
SEVERE BURNS

Epicel[®]
(cultured epidermal autografts)

NexoBrid[®]
(anacaulase-bcdb)

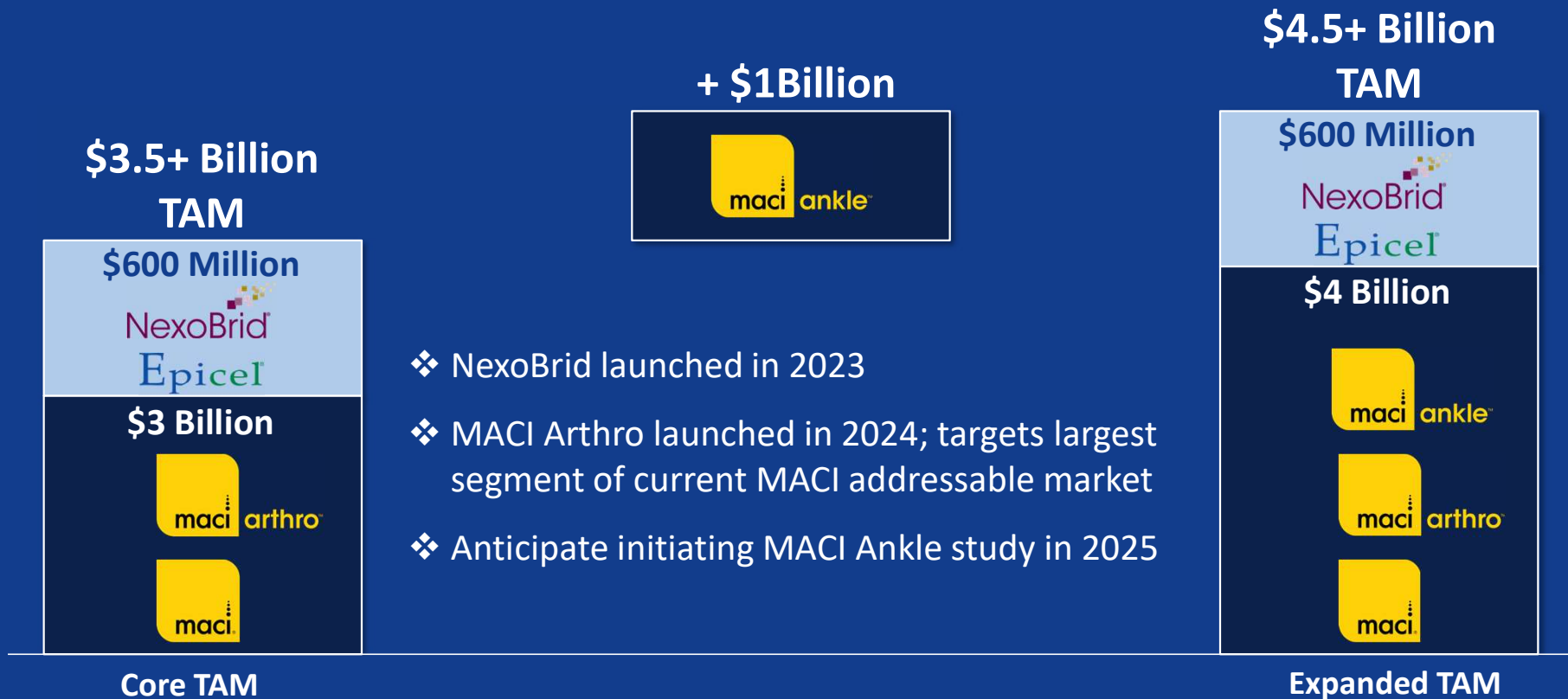
Portfolio of Innovative Cell Therapies and Specialty Biologics
with Significant Barriers to Entry

Vericel is Well-Positioned to Deliver Sustained Long-Term Growth



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Large Underpenetrated Markets with Total Addressable Market Opportunity Expanding to Over \$4.5 Billion in the Years Ahead



Outstanding Results Across the Company in 2024

2024 Achievements

- ✓ Total Revenue Growth of 20% to \$237 to \$237.5M
- ✓ MACI Revenue Growth of 20% to \$197.2 to \$197.7M
- ✓ Gross Margin Expansion to ~72.5%
- ✓ Adjusted EBITDA Margin of ~22%, Representing ~55% Full-Year Growth
- ✓ Full-Year GAAP Profitability Achieved
- ✓ FDA Approval and Launch of MACI Arthro
- ✓ Construction of new Corporate Headquarters and Manufacturing Facility Completed

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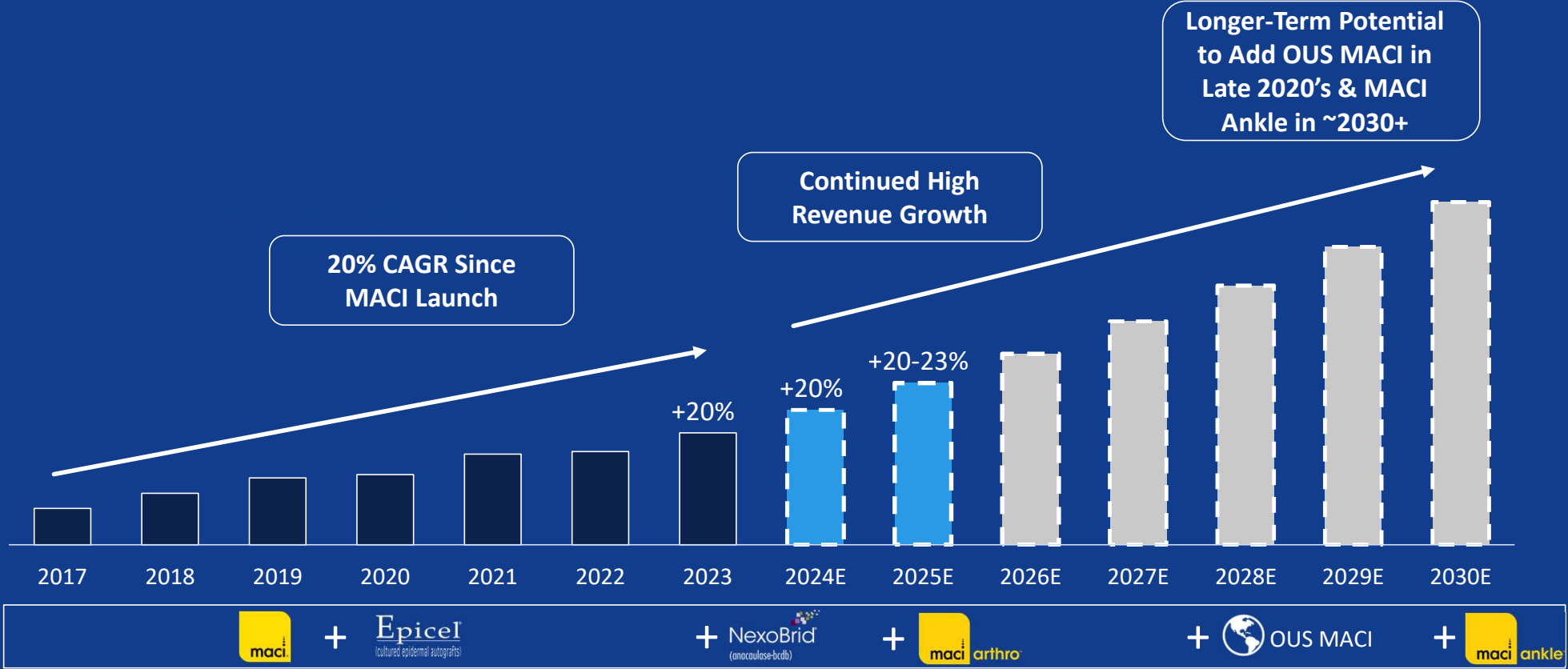
With Expectations for Further Revenue and Profit Growth in 2025

Continued Momentum

2025 Value Drivers

- ❖ Total Company Revenue Growth of 20% to 23%
- ❖ First Full Year of MACI Arthro, Enabling Greater Penetration in Largest Segment of MACI's \$3B TAM
- ❖ Maintain a Second High-Growth Franchise for Vericel Burn Care with Continued NexoBrid Uptake
- ❖ Continued Gross Margin and Adjusted EBITDA Margin Expansion, with Inflection in Cash Generation
- ❖ Expect to Initiate MACI Ankle Clinical Study in 2025
- ❖ On Track to Initiate Commercial Manufacturing in the New Facility in 2026

Current Portfolio Plus New Product Launches Expected to Drive Durable High Revenue Growth Profile

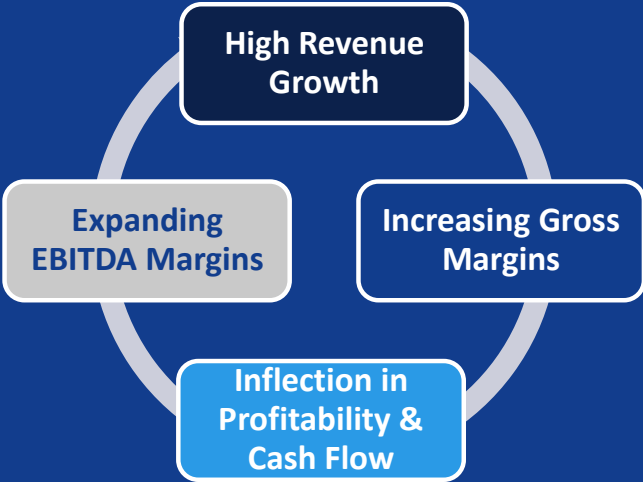
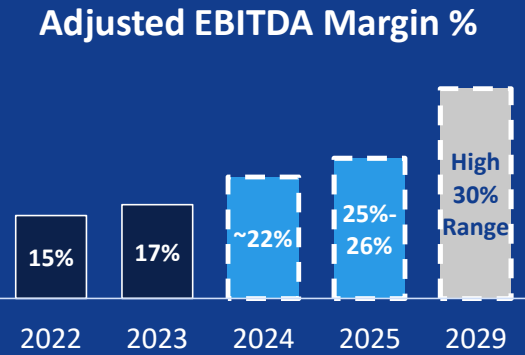


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Driving High Revenue Growth and a Top-Tier Profitability Profile

Mid-Term Profitability Targets Increased to High-70% Gross Margin and High-30% Adjusted EBITDA

20% Top Line Growth in 2024
Expect Continued High Revenue Growth in 2025 and Beyond



~55% Adjusted EBITDA Growth and GAAP Net Income Positive in 2024
Expect Cash Generation to Inflect in 2025 and Beyond

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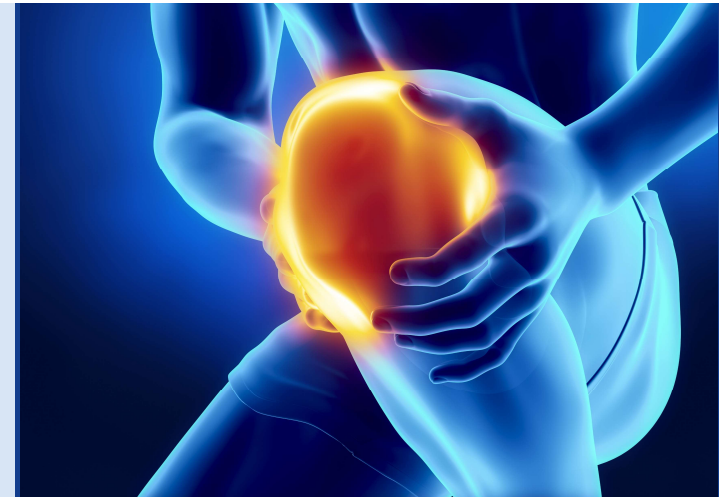
Knee Cartilage Injuries Represent a Significant Unmet Medical Need

Cartilage defects are found in ~60% of knee arthroscopies¹

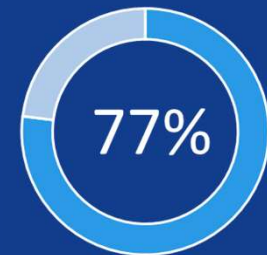
- ❖ Damage caused by acute or repetitive trauma or degenerative conditions

Cartilage has limited capacity for intrinsic healing and repair

- ❖ Untreated cartilage defects may lead to debilitating joint pain, dysfunction, and osteoarthritis
- ❖ Defects can expand and new high-grade lesions can form over time



Impact of Knee Pain



Harris Poll found that 77% of knee pain sufferers can no longer participate in at least one activity they previously enjoyed because of knee pain²

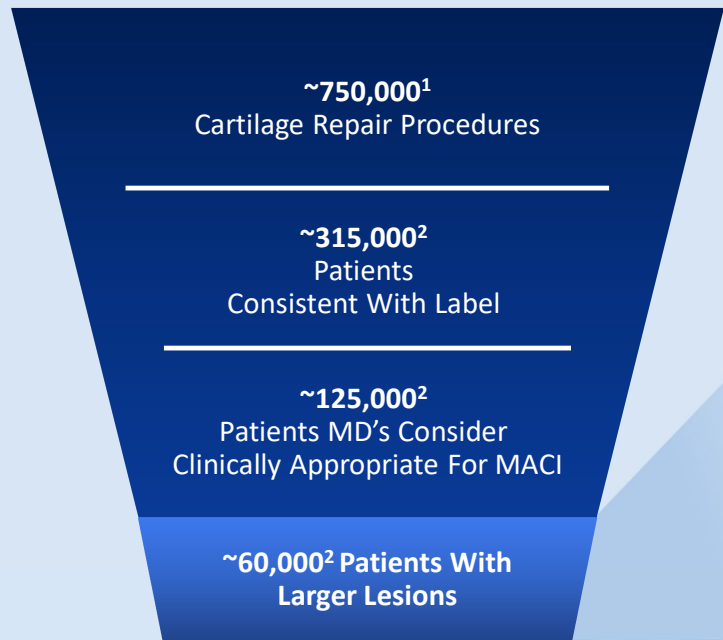


¹Widuchowski W, et al. Articular cartilage defects: study of 25,124 knee arthroscopies. Knee. Jun 2007.

²Data collected from a 2019 Harris Poll survey of 1,002 U.S. adults with knee pain 3 or more days a week that had lasted 2 months or more.

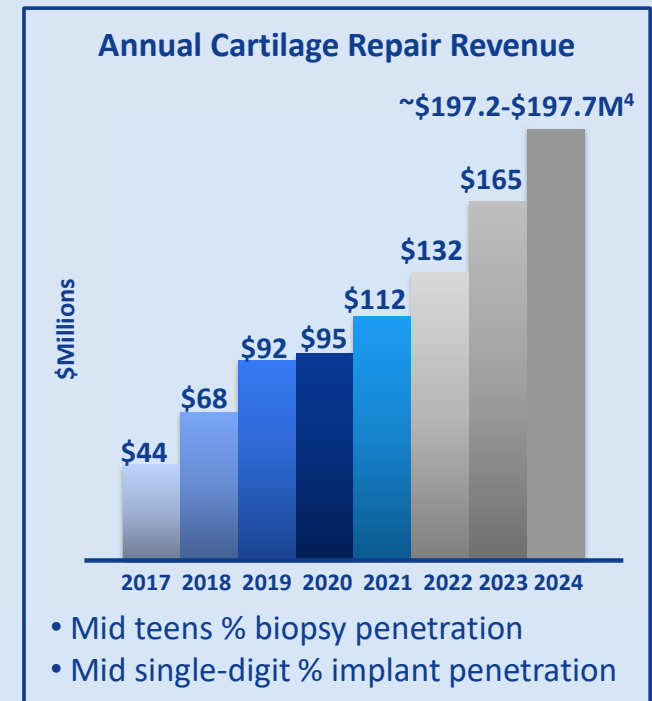
Large Addressable Knee Cartilage Repair Market for MACI

Estimated Annual Addressable Patient Population (U.S.)



\$3 Billion
Addressable Market
in the U.S.³

Annual Cartilage Repair Revenue



¹ Health Advances LLC MACI market assessment report (2018), Vericel data, LexisNexis, Medtech Insight, NY SASD, SmartTRAK, LSI, PSPS, McCormick, Frank et al. Arthroscopy, (2014) 30(2): 222-6, Montgomery, et al. Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc (2014) 22: 2070.

² Health Advances LLC MACI market assessment report (2018).

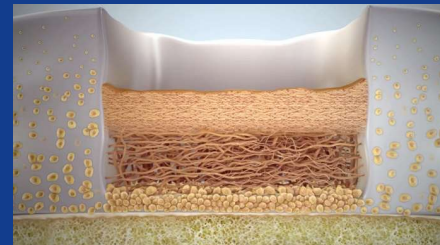
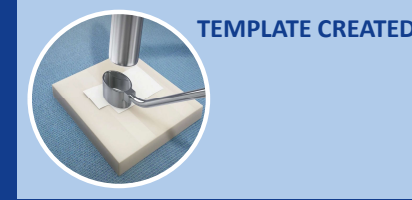
³ Assumes MACI ASP of ~\$50,000+.

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MACI is the Leading Restorative Cartilage Repair Product on the Market




MACI Growth Opportunities



Core MACI Growth Drivers

 Broader Surgeon Adoption as MACI Becomes Standard of Care

 Deeper Practice Penetration as Surgeons Gain MACI Experience

 Innovation that Supports Premium Pricing



MACI Arthro Can Amplify Drivers

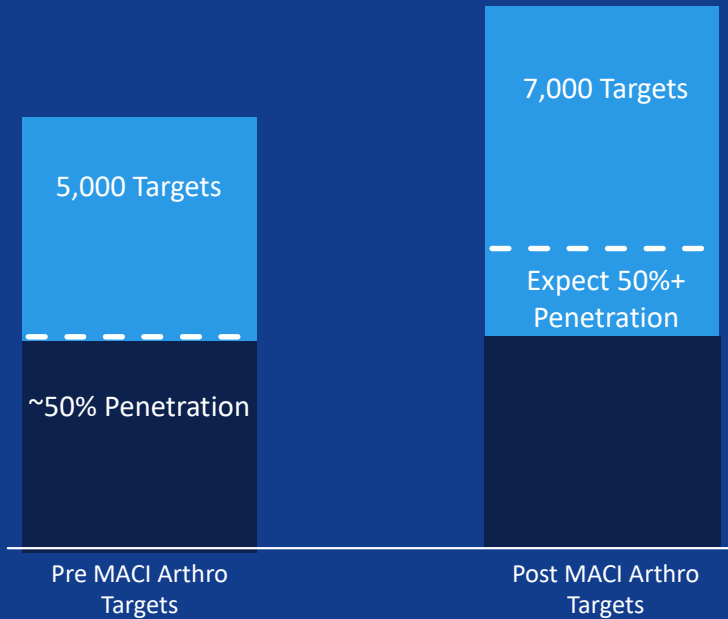
MACI has Generated Sustained High Growth Since Launch;
MACI Arthro Expected to Drive Increased Utilization

MACI Arthro is the First Restorative Biologic Cartilage Repair Product Approved for Arthroscopic Administration



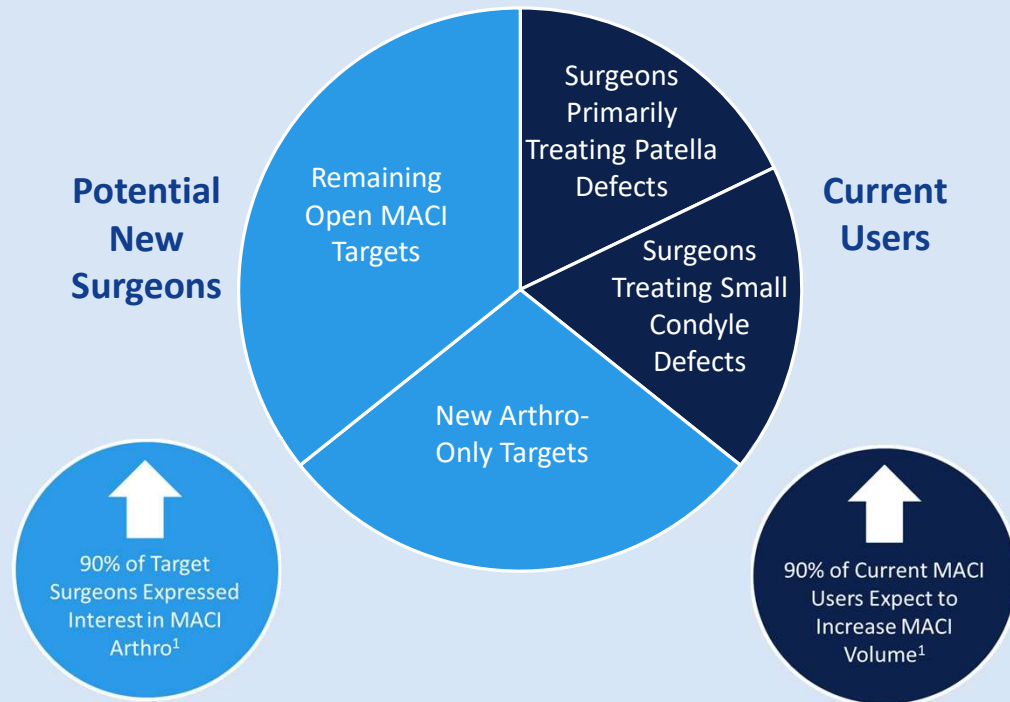
MACI Arthro Enables Additional Surgeon Growth

Target Surgeons



MACI Arthro Expected to Drive Incremental Volume Across all Surgeon Segments

MACI Surgeon Segments



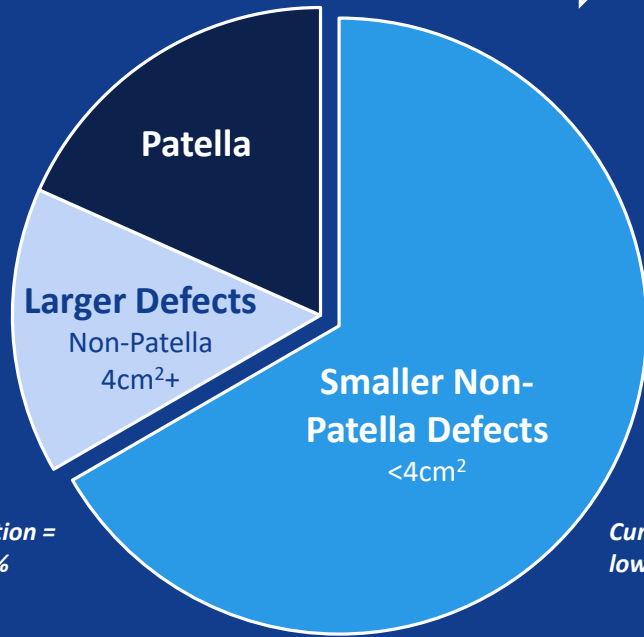
MACI Arthro Addresses the Largest Segment of the Overall MACI TAM Where There is Significant Potential to Increase Penetration

Current MACI Growth Segments Pre MACI Arthro Launch

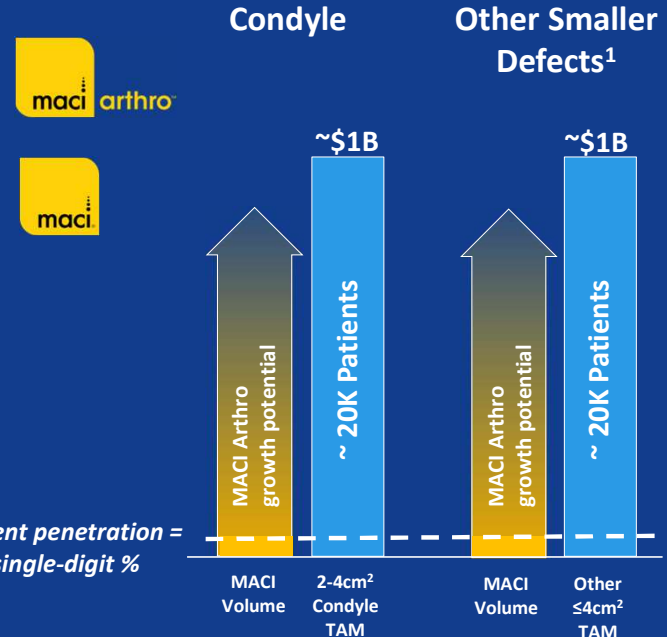


Current penetration = greater than 10%

MACI Arthro Provides Opportunity to Significantly Increase MACI Usage



MACI Arthro Target Segments



Current penetration = low single-digit %

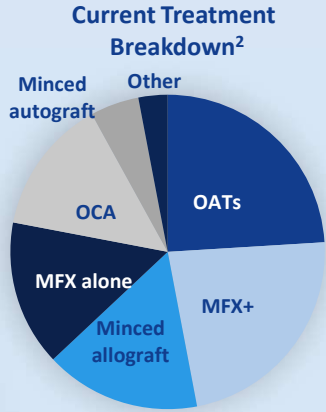


¹ 1-2cm² Trochlea, Tibia and Condyle defects.

Significant Ankle Cartilage Repair Opportunity



MACI Ankle Annual TAM Estimate (U.S.)



MACI Ankle represents a \$1 billion³ market opportunity, increasing the total MACI addressable market to \$4 billion



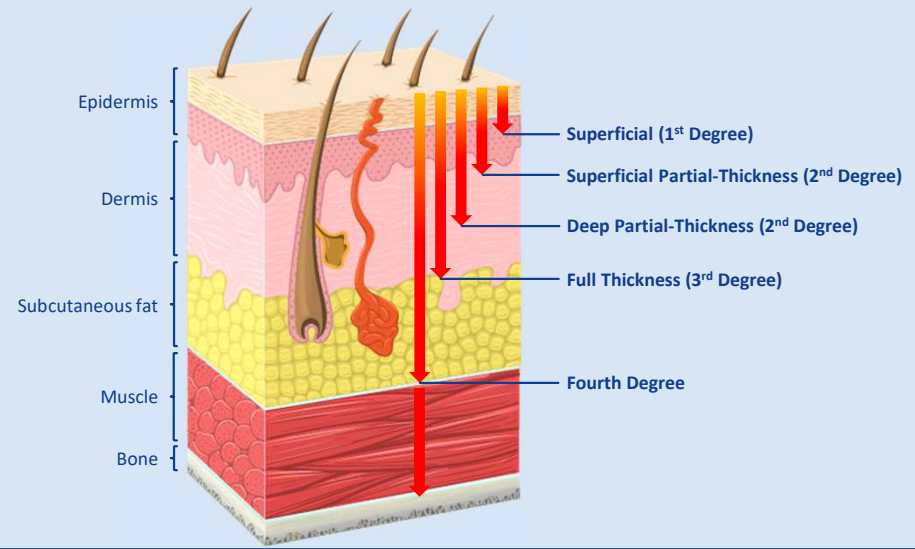
¹ SmartTrak Cartilage Repair Procedures; resurfacing includes microfracture, OATs, OCA, etc. and does not include chondroplasty/debridement only.

² Cello Health MACI Ankle quantitative market research survey (2021).

³ Assumes MACI ASP of \$50,000+.

Burn Injury Size and Depth Determine Treatment Pathway

- ❖ Full thickness burn injuries of any size & partial thickness burn injuries >10% total body surface area (TBSA) are most often transferred to specialized burn centers
- ❖ Full thickness & deep partial-thickness burns **require eschar removal and grafting** to achieve wound closure



TREATMENT PATHWAY

TREATMENT/HEALING

INITIAL ASSESSMENT



Deep partial thickness

Full thickness

ESCHAR REMOVAL



Surgical or enzymatic debridement

Surgical or enzymatic debridement

EVALUATION

Post debridement evaluation

Spontaneous healing

Skin grafting (if necessary)

Skin grafting (permanent skin coverage)



Burn Care Franchise Addressable Market Opportunity



¹ 2017 National Burn Repository Report Version 13.

² ~90% of hospitalized patients with thermal burns; ~90% of eligible patients require eschar removal (management estimate).

³ Assumes NexoBrid average price of ~\$9,000 per patient.

⁴ Assumes 600 patients x 120 grafts per patient x ~\$4,000+ per graft.

NexoBrid

Orphan biologic product indicated for eschar removal in adults and pediatric patients with severe burns



NexoBrid
(anacaulase-bcdb)

Significant Advancement in Burn Treatment Paradigm

- ❖ Concentrated mixture of proteolytic enzymes
- ❖ Non-surgical topical agent that may be applied at the patient's bedside
- ❖ Selectively degrades eschar in four hours while preserving viable tissue



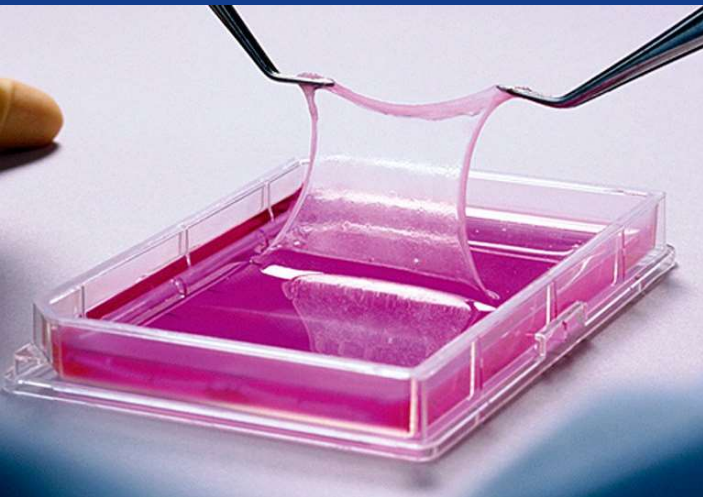
¹ NexoBrid Label. Cambridge, MA. Vericel Corporation; 2022.

² Krieger Y, Bogdanov-Berezovsky A, Gurfinkel R, et al. Efficacy of enzymatic debridement of deeply burned hands. Burns. 2012;38:108-112.

³ Palao R, Aguilera-Saez J, Collado JM, et al. Use of a selective enzymatic debridement agent (NexoBrid) for wound management: Learning curve. World J Dermatol. 2017;6(2):32-41.

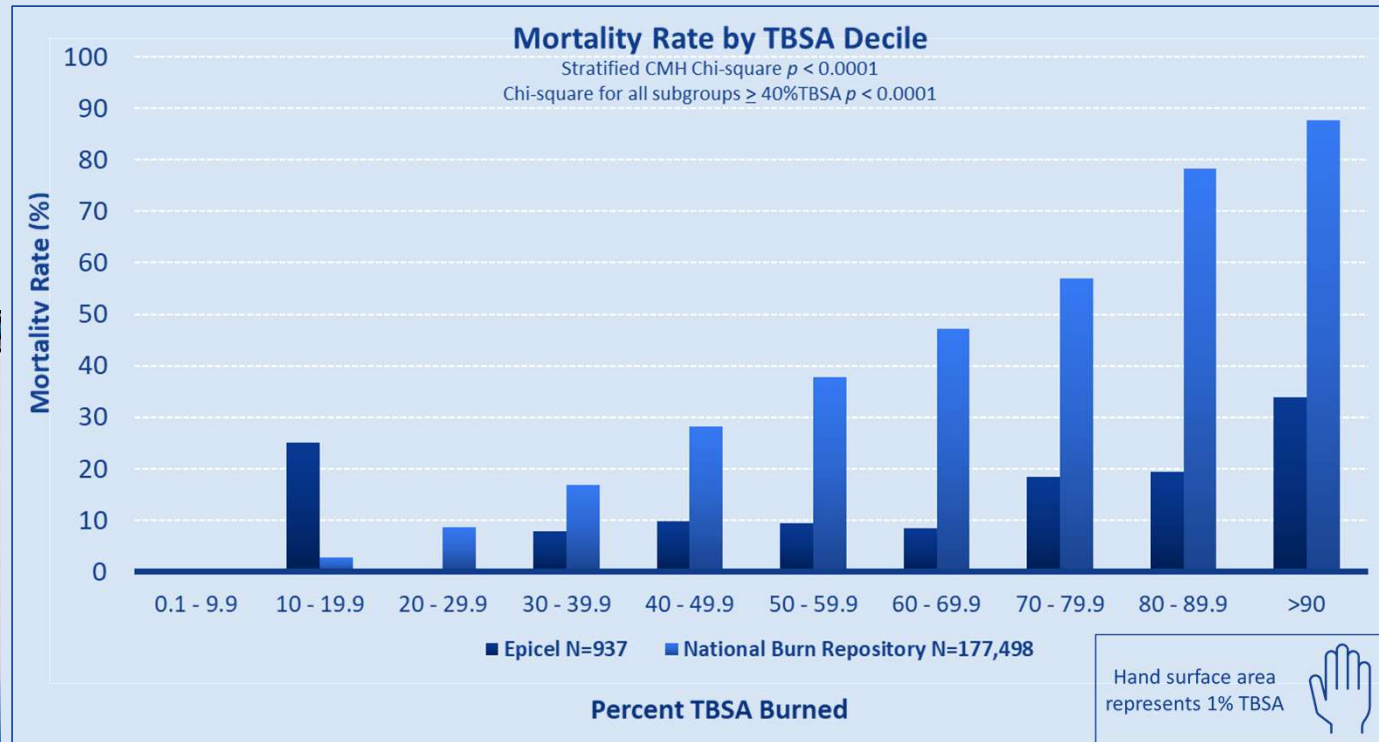
Epicel

- ❖ Only **FDA-approved permanent skin replacement** for adult and pediatric patients with full-thickness burns $\geq 30\%$ of total body surface area
- ❖ Important treatment option for severe burn patients where little skin is available for autografts



Epicel
cultured epidermal autografts

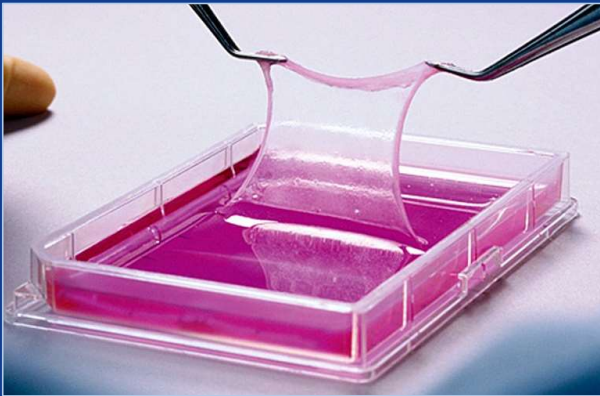
Comparison of Epicel Patient Database to National Burn Repository¹ Data Demonstrates Lower Mortality Rate



Twenty-five Years' Experience and Beyond with Cultured Epidermal Autografts (CEA) for Coverage of Large Burn Wounds in Adult and Pediatric Patients, 1989-2015; Hickerson, Journal of Burn Care & Research, iry061, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jbcr/iry061>.

¹ American Burn Association, National Burn Repository 2016, Version 12.

Burn Care Growth Opportunities



Larger commercial footprint with portfolio selling approach in 2025



NexoBrid uptake increasing with strong clinical outcomes driving adoption



Activating additional Epicel users through cross-selling efforts with NexoBrid

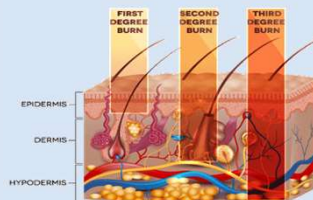
Vericel Remains Focused on Potential Strategic Transactions to Maximize Long-Term Value

ADVANCED CELL THERAPY DEVELOPMENT & MANUFACTURING PLATFORM

Sports Medicine Franchise



Severe Burn Care Franchise



EpiceL
(cultured epidermal autografts)

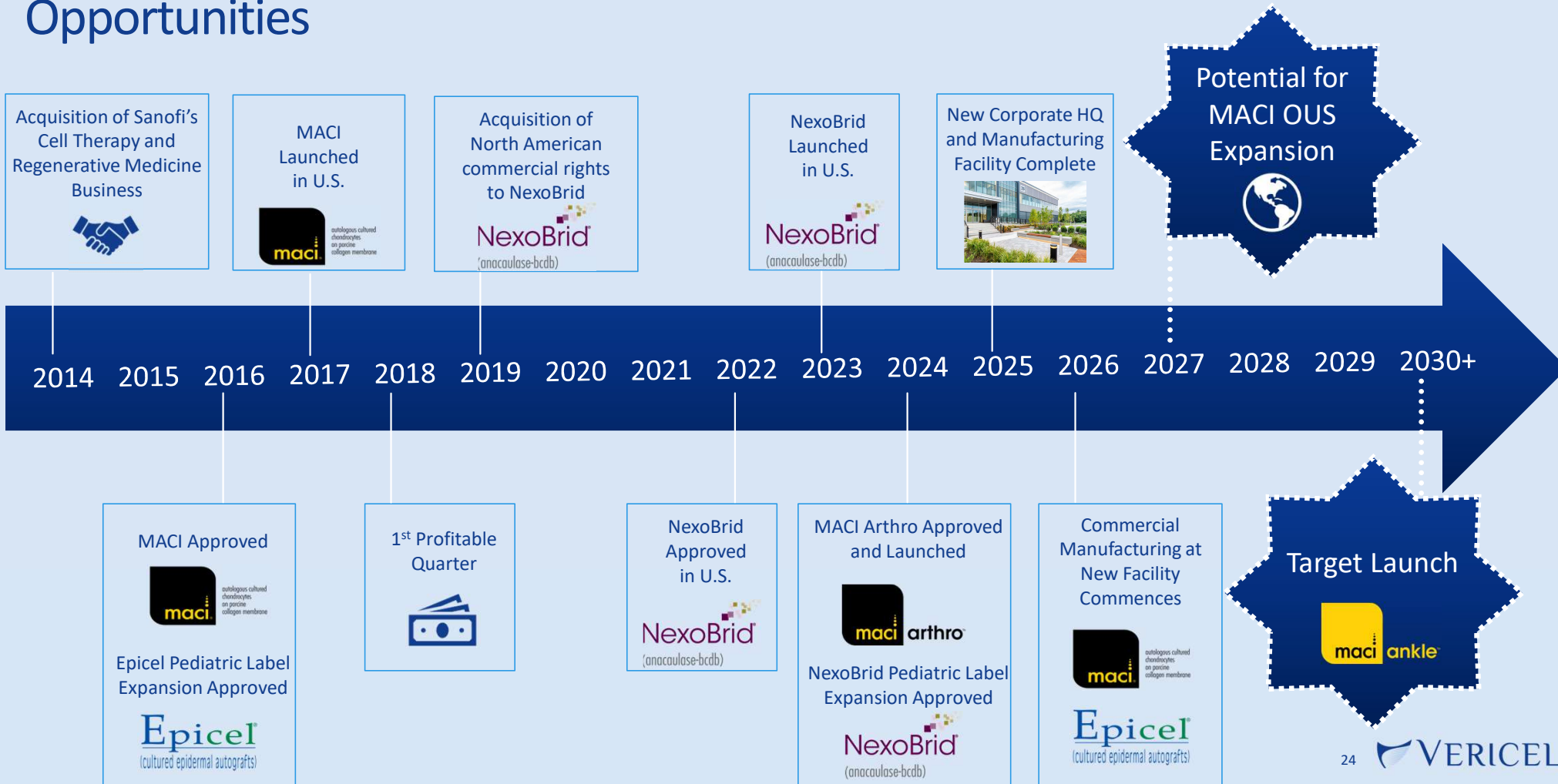
NexoBrid
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New Advanced Cell Therapy Vertical(s)



Business development activities focused on opportunities having a strategic fit with current **franchises** or advanced cell therapy **platform**

Building on a Legacy of Growth with Near-Term and Long-Term Opportunities



Growth Strategy Leverages Near-Term & Long-Term Opportunities



Strong Financial Profile

- ❖ High revenue growth profile with 20% CAGR since 2017
- ❖ Sustained positive adjusted EBITDA and operating cash flow
- ❖ \$167 Million in cash and investments



High-Growth Sports Medicine Franchise

- ❖ Market leader in knee cartilage repair
- ❖ 20% growth in 2023 & 2024
- ❖ MACI Arthro launched in Q3 2024



Second High-Growth Franchise in Burn Care

- ❖ NexoBrid launched in the U.S. in Q4 2023
- ❖ NexoBrid Pediatric indication approved in Q3 2024



Expanding Core Portfolio

- ❖ On track to submit MACI Ankle IND in H1 2025, expect to initiate clinical study in H2 2025
- ❖ New facility provides flexibility to potentially commercialize MACI outside the US