

# Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

# Up to 2,819,345 Shares

This prospectus relates to the offer and sale, from time to time, of up to 2,819,345 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Stereotaxis, Inc. ("Stereotaxis"), which includes 650,618 shares of our common stock issuable to certain of the selling stockholders upon the exercise of warrants to purchase our common stock, by the selling stockholders named herein. The shares and the warrants described herein were issued in connection with that certain Stock and Warrant Purchase Agreement dated as of May 7, 2012 between Stereotaxis and the selling stockholders named herein. We do not know if any or all of the warrants will be exercised or if any or all of the shares will be resold. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares, but, assuming exercise of all warrants to which the shares relate, we will receive up to \$2,186,727 in proceeds from the exercise of the warrants prior to those sales, which proceeds would be used for general corporate purposes. Please see "Selling Stockholders" and "Plan of Distribution" for information about the selling stockholders and the manner of offering of the common stock.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "STXS." On August 2, 2012, the last reported sale price for our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market was \$1.81 per share.

Investing in our common shares involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 4 of this prospectus.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this prospectus is August 3, 2012.

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# PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information about Stereotaxis and a general description of the securities that may be offered for resale by the selling stockholders. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a more complete understanding of us and the securities offered by the selling stockholders, you should carefully read this entire prospectus, including the "Risk Factors" section, any applicable prospectus supplement for these securities and the other documents we refer to and incorporate by reference. In particular, we incorporate important business and financial information into this prospectus by reference. As described below, on July 10, 2012, we effected a one-for-ten Reverse Stock Split of our common stock. Unless otherwise indicated, all information set forth herein gives effect to such Reverse Stock Split.

## The Company

Stereotaxis designs, manufactures and markets the *Epoch* Solution, which is an advanced cardiology instrument control system for use in a hospital's interventional surgical suite, or "interventional lab", that we believe revolutionizes the treatment of arrhythmias and coronary artery disease by enabling enhanced safety, efficiency and efficacy for catheter-based, or interventional, procedures. The *Epoch* Solution is comprised of the *Niobe* ES Robotic Magnetic Navigation System ("*Niobe* ES system"), *Odyssey* Information Management Solution ("*Odyssey* Solution"), and the *Vdrive* Robotic Navigation System. We believe that our technology represents an important advance in the ongoing trend toward fully digitized, integrated and automated interventional labs and provides substantial, clinically important improvements and cost efficiencies over manual interventional methods, which often result in long and unpredictable procedure times with suboptimal therapeutic outcomes. We believe that our technology represents an important advance supporting efficient and effective information management and physician collaboration. The core elements of our technology, especially the *Niobe* ES system, are protected by an extensive patent portfolio, as well as substantial know-how and trade secrets.

Our *Niobe* ES system is the latest generation of the *Niobe* Robotic Magnetic Navigation System ("*Niobe* system"), which allows physicians to more effectively navigate proprietary catheters, guidewires and other delivery devices, both our own and those we are co-developing through strategic alliances, through the blood vessels and chambers of the heart to treatment sites in order to effect treatment. This is achieved using computer-controlled, externally applied magnetic fields that precisely and directly govern the motion of the internal, or working, tip of the catheter, guidewire or other interventional devices. We believe that our *Niobe* ES system represents a revolutionary technology in the interventional lab, bringing precise remote digital instrument control and programmability to the interventional lab, and has the potential to become the standard of care for a broad range of complex cardiology procedures.

The *Niobe* system is designed primarily for use by interventional electrophysiologists in the treatment of abnormal heart rhythms known as arrhythmias and approximately 3% of usage is by interventional cardiologists in the treatment of coronary artery disease. To date the significant majority of Stereotaxis installations worldwide are intended for use in electrophysiology. The *Niobe* system is designed to be installed in both new and replacement interventional labs worldwide. Current and potential purchasers of our *Niobe* system include leading research and academic hospitals as well as community and regional medical centers around the world. The core components of the *Niobe* system have received regulatory clearance in the U.S., Canada, Europe, China, and various other countries.

Stereotaxis has also developed the *Odyssey* Solution which provides an innovative enterprise solution for integrating, recording and networking interventional lab information within hospitals and around the world. The *Odyssey* Solution consists of several lab solutions including *Odyssey* Vision to consolidate all of the lab information from multiple sources, freeing doctors from managing complex interfaces during patient therapy for optimal procedural and clinical efficiency. In addition, we offer two lower cost alternatives which consolidate the lab information without providing a large display and an interface for connecting partner large display systems - known as *Odyssey* Link and *Odyssey* Interface, respectively. The *Odyssey* Solution also includes a remote procedure viewing and recording capability in a basic *Odyssey Cinema* LT or premium *Odyssey Cinema* Studio offering ("*Odyssey Cinema* system"). The *Odyssey Cinema* system is an innovative solution delivering synchronized content targeted to improve care, enhance performance, increase referrals and market services. This tool includes an archiving capability that allows clinicians to store and replay entire procedures or segments of procedures. This information can be accessed from locations throughout the hospital local area network and over the Internet from anywhere with sufficient bandwidth. The *Odyssey Cinema* Studio offering includes a production console, Studio, to facilitate Internet broadcasting, collaboration and presentation editing. The *Studio* console leverages a global *Odyssey* Network enabling hospitals to broadcast to anyone or collaborate between hospitals that use the *Odyssey* system. The *Odyssey* Solution may be acquired either as part of the *Epoch* Solution or on a stand-alone basis for installation in interventional labs and other locations where clinicians desire improved clinical workflows and related efficiencies. We have received regulatory clearance, licensing and/or CE Mark approvals necessary for us to market th

Our *Vdrive* Robotic Navigation System provides navigation and stability for diagnostic and therapeutic devices designed to improve interventional procedures. The *Vdrive* Robotic Navigation System complements the *Niobe* ES system control of therapeutic catheters for fully remote procedures and enables single-operator workflow and is sold as two options, the *Vdrive* System and the *Vdrive* Duo System. In addition to the *Vdrive* System and the *Vdrive* Duo System, we also manufacture and market various disposable components which can be manipulated by these systems. We have received the CE Mark and regulatory licensing that allows us to market certain configurations of the *Vdrive* System and the *Vdrive* Duo System in Europe and Canada. We are in the process of obtaining the necessary clearance for the V-loop device in the United States.

We promote the full Epoch Solution in a typical hospital implementation, subject to regulatory approvals or clearances. The full Epoch Solution implementation requires a hospital to agree to an upfront capital payment and recurring payments. The upfront capital payment typically includes equipment and installation charges. The recurring payments typically include disposable costs for each procedure, equipment service costs beyond warranty period, and software licenses and Odyssey Network fees. In hospitals where the full Epoch Solution has not been implemented, equipment upgrade or expansion can be implemented upon purchasing of the necessary upgrade or expansion.

We incurred net losses of approximately \$19.9 million and \$32.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011, respectively, and expect such losses to continue through at least the year ending December 31, 2012. During the quarter ended March 31, 2012, we had an aggregate of approximately \$12.7 million in operating expenses, an operating loss of approximately \$4.2 million, and a net loss of approximately \$5.8 million. On May 8, 2012, we announced that we expect to reduce operating expenses by 15-20% from first quarter levels by the 2012 fourth quarter. We believe our existing cash, cash equivalents and borrowing facilities will be sufficient to fund our operating and investing activities through the next 12 months. However, this estimate is based on the timing of revenue, which can be highly uncertain, as well as the timing of our expenses and other capital needs. Therefore, we cannot assure you that we will not require additional financing before that time.

We were incorporated in Delaware in June 1990 as Stereotaxis, Inc. Our principal executive offices are located at 4320 Forest Park Avenue, Suite 100, St. Louis, Missouri 63108, and our telephone number is (314) 678-6100. Our website address is www.stereotaxis.com. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into and does not form any part of this prospectus. As used in this prospectus, references to "Company", "we", "our", "us" and "Stereotaxis" refer to Stereotaxis, Inc. unless the context requires otherwise. Niobe<sup>®</sup>, Epoch™ and Odyssey™ are trademarks of Stereotaxis, Inc. All other trademarks that may appear in this prospectus are the property of their respective owners.

#### **Reverse Stock Split**

On July 10, 2012, we filed a Certificate of Amendment to our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to implement a one-for-ten reverse split of our common stock (the "Reverse Stock Split"). The ratio for the Reverse Stock Split was determined by our Board of Directors pursuant to the approval of the stockholders at the Company's special meeting of stockholders held on July 10, 2012, authorizing the Board to effect a reverse stock split within a range of onefor-four to one-for-ten shares of our common stock. The Reverse Stock Split was effective as of July 10, 2012, and our common stock began trading on the NASDAQ Global Market on a post-split basis on July 11, 2012.

As a result of the Reverse Stock Split, each ten shares of the Company's issued and outstanding common stock were automatically combined and converted into one issued and outstanding share of common stock. The Reverse Stock Split affected all issued and outstanding shares of the Company's common stock, as well as common stock underlying stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock units, warrants and convertible debentures outstanding immediately prior to the effectiveness of the Reverse Stock Split. The Reverse Stock Split reduced the number of shares of our common stock currently outstanding from approximately 78.0 million to approximately 7.8 million. In addition, the Amendment increased the number of authorized shares of the Company's common stock from 100 million to 300 million. The Reverse Stock Split did not alter the par value of common stock, which remained at \$0.001 per share, or modify any voting rights or other terms of our common stock. Unless otherwise indicated, all information set forth herein gives effect to such Reverse Stock Split.

## Selected Financial Data

The following selected consolidated financial data for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007 and for the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007 have been derived from, and should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the accompanying notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in our Annual Reports on Forms 10-K. The selected financial data for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 and the balance sheet data as of March 31, 2012 and 2011 are derived from the unaudited financial statements filed on Form 10-Q. The selected data in this section is not intended to replace the financial statements. Historical results are not indicative of the results to be expected in the future. As described above, on July 10, 2012, we effected a one-for-ten Reverse Stock Split of our common stock. All information set forth in the selected consolidated financial data gives effect to such Reverse Stock Split.

| (Unaudited)   |                  |                  |                        |                 |                 |                   |                 |  |  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Three Months Ended  |                  |                  |                        |                 |                 |                   |                 |  |  |
|   | Marc             | h 31,            | Year Ended December 31 |                 |                 |                   |                 |  |  |
|   | 2012             | 2011             | 2011                   | 2010            | 2009            | 2008              | 2007            |  |  |
| Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:   |                  |                  |                        |                 |                 |                   |                 |  |  |
| Revenue   | \$ 12,283,228    | \$ 10,224,704    | \$ 41,987,432          | \$ 54,051,237   | \$ 51,149,555   | \$ 40,365,173     | \$ 39,298,809   |  |  |
| Cost of revenue   | 3,761,831        | 3,004,979        | 12,498,081             | 15,564,687      | 17,021,633      | 14,177,790        | 15,346,220      |  |  |
| Gross margin  | 8,521,397        | 7,219,725        | 29,489,351             | 38,486,550      | 34,127,922      | 26,187,383        | 23,952,589      |  |  |
| Operating costs and expenses:   |                  |                  |                        |                 |                 |                   |                 |  |  |
| Research and development  | 2,825,207        | 3,394,259        | 12,886,488             | 12,244,163      | 14,260,854      | 17,422,828        | 25,471,809      |  |  |
| Sales and marketing   | 5,998,739        | 8,338,336        | 31,635,415             | 30,178,818      | 28,694,540      | 28,660,663        | 29,021,117      |  |  |
| General and administrative  | 3,872,873        | 4,250,269        | 16,908,656             | 15,022,689      | 15,010,490      | 21,121,164        | 18,701,726      |  |  |
| Total operating expenses  | 12,696,819       | 15,982,864       | 61,430,559             | 57,445,670      | 57,965,884      | 67,204,655        | 73,194,652      |  |  |
| Operating loss  | (4,175,422)      | (8,763,139)      | (31,941,208)           | (18,959,120)    | (23,837,962)    | (41,017,272)      | (49,242,063)    |  |  |
| Interest and other income (expense),<br>net <sup>(1)(2)</sup>   | (1,637,490)      | (786,794)        | (89,967)               | (964,367)       | (3,656,495)     | (2,868,702)       | 1,120,549       |  |  |
| Net loss  | \$ (5,812,912)   | \$ (9,549,933)   | \$ (32,031,175)        | \$ (19,923,487) | \$ (27,494,457) | \$ (43,885,974)   | \$ (48,121,514) |  |  |
| Basic and diluted net loss per common share, revised for reverse stock split                          | <u>\$ (1.06)</u> | <u>\$ (1.75)</u> | \$ (5.84)              | \$ (3.94)       | \$ (6.34)       | <u>\$ (12.00)</u> | \$ (13.44)      |  |  |
| Shares used in computing basic and diluted net loss per common share, revised for reverse stock split | 5,499,315        | 5,471,967        | 5,482,626              | 5,052,200       | 4,334,432       | 3,658,508         | 3,579,397       |  |  |
| Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:  |                  |                  |                        |                 |                 |                   |                 |  |  |
| Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments   | \$ 10,468,699    | \$ 30,394,919    | \$ 13,954,919          | \$ 35,248,819   | \$ 30,546,550   | \$ 30,355,657     | \$ 23,656,378   |  |  |
| Working capital   | (15,382,266)     | 2,775,658        | (6,596,218)            | 12,395,426      | 12,878,277      | 10,097,082        | 16,925,716      |  |  |
| Total assets  | 36,792,346       | 60,548,975       | 39,931,832             | 65,761,792      | 56,120,516      | 59,440,365        | 60,475,794      |  |  |
| Long-term debt, less current maturities   | 12,720,806       | 7,000,000        | 17,290,531             | 8,000,000       | 10,346,655      | 12,036,723        | 1,000,000       |  |  |
| Accumulated deficit   | (381,220,358)    | (352,926,204)    | (375,407,446)          | (343,376,271)   | (323,452,784)   | (295,958,327)     | (252,072,353)   |  |  |
| Total stockholders' equity (deficit)  | (23,368,532)     | 1,834,887        | (18,828,895)           | 10,475,246      | 7,641,343       | 4,770,681         | 24,194,407      |  |  |

(1) Other income recorded in 2010 includes \$1.5 million in grants under the Qualifying Therapeutic Discovery Project Program.

(2) Other income (expense) for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 includes (\$0.2) million and less than \$0.1 million in warrant adjustments, respectively. Other income recorded in 2011, 2010, and 2009 includes \$3.4 million, \$0.6 million, and \$0.9 million in warrant adjustments, respectively.

## Securities Being Offered

On May 7, 2012, we entered into a Stock and Warrant Purchase Agreement (the "PIPE SPA") with the selling stockholders hereunder pursuant to which we sold an aggregate of approximately 21.7 million shares of our common stock (the "PIPE Common Stock") at a price of \$0.3361 per share, together with sixyear warrants at a price of \$0.125 per share to purchase an aggregate of approximately 21.7 million shares of our common stock having an exercise price of \$0.3361 per share (the "PIPE Warrants"), in each case prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split. Each purchaser thereunder received a PIPE Warrant to purchase one share of common stock for every share of PIPE Common Stock purchased. That transaction closed on May 10, 2012. In connection therewith, each of the selling stockholders, as well as certain other of our existing stockholders delivered voting agreements (the "Voting Agreements"), pursuant to which each such stockholder agreed to vote shares beneficially held by the stockholder in favor of certain matters (the "Stockholder Approval Matters") intended to increase the number of the authorized and unissued shares of our common stock, a potential reverse stock split and the transactions described below under "—Concurrent Transactions—Subordinated Convertible Debentures."

As described above, on July 10, 2012, we effected a one-for-ten Reverse Stock Split of our common stock. As a result, the PIPE Common Stock was combined and converted into an aggregate of approximately 2.17 million shares of our common stock, and the PIPE Warrants became exercisable for an aggregate of approximately 2.17 million shares, with an exercise price of \$3.361 per share.

Net proceeds from the sale of the securities under the PIPE SPA were approximately \$9.1 million, after placement agent fees and other offering expenses.

We used the funds to repay \$7 million of the revolving credit facility guaranteed by Alafi Capital Company and affiliates of Sanderling Venture Partners, as described further below, and the balance we plan to use for working capital, and for general corporate purposes.

This registration statement is being filed pursuant to a registration rights agreement with the purchasers of the PIPE Common Stock (the "PIPE Registration Rights Agreement"), under which we agreed to undertake to file a resale registration statement, on behalf of the selling stockholders, with respect to the resale of the PIPE Common Stock and shares underlying the PIPE Warrants and to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause such resale registration statement to be declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") not later than 60 calendar days (or, in the event the SEC comments on the Registration Statement, 90 calendar days) following the closing. If we are unable to timely satisfy such deadlines, we could incur penalties of up to 10% of the offering proceeds for such non-compliance. In addition, we expect to register an additional 1,518,109 shares issuable upon exercise of PIPE Warrants and an additional 517,422 shares issuable in connection with amendment two through six of the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement described below under "Concurrent Transactions – Extension of Silicon Valley Bank Loan and Sanderling/Alafi Credit Support" issued to Alafi Capital Company and the Sanderling Venture Partners' affiliates. We did not include those shares in the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part because we had insufficient authorized shares of common stock at the time this registration statement was originally filed.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the PIPE SPA, PIPE Registration Rights Agreement, Voting Agreements, and PIPE Warrants, the forms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Concurrent transactions**

## Subordinated Convertible Debentures

On May 7, 2012, we also entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the "Convertible Debt SPA") with certain institutional investors whereby we agreed to sell an aggregate of approximately \$8.5 million in aggregate principal amount of unsecured, subordinated, convertible debentures (the "Debentures"), which became convertible into shares of our common stock at a conversion price of \$3.361 per share (or approximately 2.5 million shares in the aggregate), on July 10, 2012, the date that we received approval of the Stockholder Approval Matters. The purchasers of the Debentures also received six-year warrants to purchase an aggregate of

approximately 2.5 million shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$3.361 per share (the "Convertible Debt Warrants"). In addition, we have the ability to issue shares of our common stock in lieu of cash interest payments under certain circumstances, and intend to do so at such time as we have registered the shares for resale as described below. This transaction also closed on May 10, 2012. No shares of common stock were issuable upon conversion of the Debentures or exercise of the Warrants, as applicable, prior to the date we received approval of the Stockholder Approval Matters described above.

Net proceeds from the sale of securities under the Convertible Debt SPA were approximately \$7.7 million, after placement agent fees and other offering expenses, which are being used for working capital, and for general corporate purposes.

In connection with the transactions contemplated by the Convertible Debt SPA, the purchasers of the Debentures entered into a subordination agreement with Silicon Valley Bank pursuant to which payments under the Debentures are subordinated in right of payment to all obligations of the Company to Silicon Valley Bank, subject to certain exceptions including our right to make regularly scheduled, non-accelerated payment of non-default cash interest payment as and when due and payable under the Debentures until the earlier of (i) four months after the date of the Subordination Agreement and (ii) such time as we have the ability under our charter documents and applicable law to settle such interest payments by issuing our common stock in accordance with the terms of the Debentures.

Pursuant to a registration rights agreement entered into with the purchasers of the Convertible Debt SPA (the "Convertible Debt Registration Rights Agreement"), we filed a resale registration statement on behalf of the investors under the Convertible Debt SPA with respect to the resale of the common stock issuable under the Debentures and Convertible Debt Warrants, including the interest shares as described above, and agreed to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause such resale registration statement to be declared effective by the SEC not later than 90 calendar days (or, in the event the SEC comments on the Registration Statement, 120 calendar days) following the closing. If we are unable to timely satisfy such deadlines, we could incur penalties of up to 10% of the offering proceeds for such non-compliance.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the Convertible Debt SPA, Debentures, Convertible Debt Registration Rights Agreement, Subordination Agreement, and Convertible Debt Warrants, the forms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Extension of Silicon Valley Bank Loan and Sanderling/Alafi Credit Support

In connection with the above closing and funding of the above transactions, we and one of our wholly-owned subsidiaries (the "Subsidiary") entered into a Third Loan Modification Agreement (Domestic), amending the Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement (Domestic), dated November 11, 2011(the "Amended Loan Agreement"), with Silicon Valley Bank to extend the maturity of the current working capital line of credit from May 15, 2012 to March 31, 2013 and decrease the \$10 million sublimit for borrowings supported by guarantees from the Lenders (as described below) to \$3 million. Under the revised facility we are required to maintain a minimum liquidity ratio and a minimum tangible net worth as defined in the Amended Loan Agreement.

Also in connection with the above closing and funding of the above transactions, we and the Subsidiary entered into an Export-Import Bank Third Loan Modification Agreement with Silicon Valley Bank (the "Ex-Im Modification Agreement") to extend the maturity date of the revolving line of credit under that certain Amended and Restated Export-Import Bank Loan and Security Agreement dated November 30, 2011 from May 15, 2012 to March 31, 2013 and reduce the Ex-Im sublimit under the revolving line of credit from \$10 million to \$5 million.

Also in connection with the above closing and funding of the above transactions and with the Silicon Valley Bank extension described above, we entered into a further amendment to the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement dated February 21, 2008, as amended (the "Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement"), with Alafi Capital Company and affiliates of Sanderling Venture Partners (collectively, the "Lenders") to decrease from \$10 million in aggregate to \$3 million, and to further extend the Lenders' obligation to provide either direct loans to us or loan guarantees to our primary bank lender through the earlier of March 31, 2013, the date that we elect to extinguish the guarantee, or the date we receive \$30 million of third party, non-bank financing. We granted to the Lenders warrants (the "2013 Extension Warrants") to purchase an aggregate of approximately 230,000 shares of common stock in exchange for their extension. The 2013 Extension Warrants have an exercise price of \$3.361 per share.

The Lenders are affiliates of Fred A. Middleton and Christopher Alafi, respectively, each of whom is a member of our board of directors. This facility may also be used by us to guarantee our loan commitments with Silicon Valley Bank, our primary bank lender, through the same extended term.

# **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Prior to making a decision about investing in our securities, you should carefully consider the risks described in, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus, including the risks described below and under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, and in any other reports that we file with the SEC, along with the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, in evaluating an investment in our common stock. The information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus from time to time by other reports we file with the SEC in the future. For a description of these reports and documents, and information about where you can find them, see the sections entitled "Where You Can Find Additional Information" and "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference" in this prospectus.

The risks and uncertainties described in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus are not the only ones facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties that we do not presently know about or that we currently believe are not material may also adversely affect our business. If any of the risks and uncertainties described in this prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference herein actually occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected in a material way. As a result, the trading price of our common stock and/or the value of any other securities we may issue may decline, and you might lose part or all of your investment.

# We may not be able to comply with debt covenants and may have to repay outstanding indebtedness.

We have financed our operations through equity and convertible debt transactions, a financing of our catheter royalty stream under the Cowen Healthcare facility entered into in November 2011, as well as bank and other borrowings. We recently extended our revolving line of credit, which matures on March 31, 2013, and our Debentures mature on May 10, 2014. In addition, our current convertible debt and other borrowing agreements contain various covenants, including financial covenants under our Silicon Valley Bank line. The covenants in these various agreements are similar, but are not identical in all respects. If we violate our covenants, we could be required to repay the indebtedness as to which that default relates. In addition, as a result of various cross-default provisions in these agreements, a violation of the covenants under one or more of such agreements could trigger our obligation to repay all of our existing indebtedness. We could be unable to make these payments, which could lead to insolvency. Even if we are able to make these payments, it will lead to the lack of availability for additional borrowings under our bank loan agreement due to our borrowing capacity. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain compliance with these covenants or that we could replace this source of liquidity if these covenants were to be violated and our loans and other borrowed amounts were forced to be repaid.

### We are no longer eligible to use Form S-3, which could impair our capital raising activities.

In addition, as of the date of this prospectus, we are no longer eligible to use Form S-3 as a result of our recent payment default under our facility with Silicon Valley Bank. As a result, we cannot use Form S-3 to register resales of our securities for 12 months following our default, which occurred on April 30, 2012. In addition to the shares covered by the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, we have the obligation to file additional registration statements covering shares issuable upon conversion of our Debentures and upon exercise of various warrants to purchase our common stock. In addition, we are limited in our ability to file new shelf registration statements on SEC Form S-3 and/or to fully use the remaining capacity on our existing registration statements on SEC Form S-3. Moreover, our public float is below \$75 million and may remain below \$75 million for the foreseeable future. As a result, we may not be eligible to use Form S-3 for primary offerings even though we otherwise would regain the ability to use the form for resale registration statements 12 months following our payment default. We have relied significantly on shelf registration statements on SEC Form S-3 for most of our financings in recent years, and accordingly any such limitations may harm our ability to raise the capital we need. Under these circumstances, until we are again eligible to use Form S-3, we will be required to use a registration statement on Form S-1 to register securities with the SEC or issue such securities in a private placement, which could increase the cost of raising capital.

# Our principal stockholders continue to own a large percentage of our voting stock, and they have the ability to substantially influence matters requiring stockholder approval.

Our executive officers, directors and individuals or entities affiliated with them beneficially own or control a substantial percentage of the outstanding shares of our common stock. Moreover, following approval of the Stockholder Approval Matters, certain of our directors and their affiliated funds will have the ability to obtain a substantial portion of our common stock. Accordingly, these executive officers, directors and their affiliates, acting as a group, will have substantial influence over the outcome of corporate actions requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors, any merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets or any other significant corporate transaction. These stockholders may also delay or prevent a change of control, even if such a change of control would benefit our other stockholders. This significant concentration of stock ownership may adversely affect the trading price of our common stock due to investors' perception that conflicts of interest may exist or arise.

# Future issuances of our securities could dilute current stockholders' ownership.

We are registering for resale 650,618 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants held by certain selling stockholders identified in this prospectus. In addition, as a result of the approval of the Stockholder Approval Matters we received on July 10, 2012, we intend to file one or more prospectuses for the resales of an additional 1,518,109 shares issuable upon exercise of

PIPE Warrants and an additional 517,422 shares issuable in connection with amendments two through six of the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement issued to Alafi Capital Company and the Sanderling Venture Partners' affiliates, as well as shares issuable on conversion of the Debentures and upon exercise of the Convertible Debt Warrants. When issued, those securities would become convertible or exercisable into approximately 5.0 million shares of our common stock. Moreover, we expect to pay interest on the Debentures using shares of our common stock following the approval of the Stockholder Approval Matters. The exercise price of most of these securities (including all of the PIPE Warrants, the Debentures and the Convertible Debt Warrants) is \$3.361 as a result of the Reverse Stock Split. A significant number of shares of our common stock are subject to stock options and stock appreciation rights, and we may request the ability to issue additional such securities to our employees. We may also decide to raise additional funds through public or private debt or equity financing to fund our operations. While we cannot predict the effect, if any, that future sales of debt, our common stock, other equity securities or securities convertible into our common stock or other equity securities or the availability of any of the foregoing for future sale, will have on the market price of our common stock, it is likely that sales of substantial amounts of our common stock (including shares issued upon the exercise of stock options, stock appreciation rights or the conversion of any convertible securities outstanding now or in the future), or the perception that such sales could occur, will adversely affect prevailing market prices for our common stock.

# If we fail to continue to meet all applicable Nasdaq Global Market requirements and Nasdaq determines to delist our common stock, the delisting could adversely affect the market liquidity of our common stock, impair the value of your investment and harm our business.

Our common stock is currently listed on the Nasdaq Global Market. In order to maintain that listing, we must satisfy minimum financial and other requirements. On January 20, 2012, we received notice from the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Department that our common stock had not met the \$1.00 per share minimum bid price requirement for 30 consecutive business days and that, if we were unable to demonstrate compliance with this requirement during the applicable grace periods, our common stock would be delisted after that time. Because the closing bid price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market had been below \$1.00 each trading day since December 6, 2011, through July 10, 2012, we implemented the Reverse Stock Split of one-for-ten on July 10 following shareholder approval of that action in order to put our stock in compliance with the minimum bid price requirement. Although we received notification from Nasdaq on July 25 that we had regained compliance with the minimum bid price requirement, there is no assurance that our common stock price will not drop back down below the Nasdaq minimum per share price requirement in the future. In addition, on June 25, 2012, Nasdaq notified us that we no longer comply with the rule regarding market value of publicly held shares, as we did not maintain a publicly held market value of \$15 million for the 30 consecutive business days prior to the date of the letter. In accordance with applicable Nasdaq rules, we are being provided 180 calendar days, or until December 24, 2012, to regain compliance with that rule. However, we may be unable to do so in that time frame, or at all. It is also possible that we would otherwise fail to satisfy another Nasdaq requirement for continued listing of our common stock. If we fail to continue to meet all applicable Nasdaq Global Market requirements in the future and Nasdaq determines to delist our common stock, the delisting could adversely affect the market liquidity of our common stock, adversely affect our ability to obtain financin

# FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The prospectus contains "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1985. These statements relate to, among other things:

- our business strategy;
- our value proposition;
- our ability to fund operations;
- our ability to convert backlog to revenue;
- the timing and prospects for regulatory approval of our additional disposable interventional devices;
- the success of our business partnerships and strategic alliances;
- our estimates regarding our capital requirements;
- the ability of physicians to perform certain medical procedures with our products safely, effectively and efficiently;
- the adoption of our products by hospitals and physicians;
- the market opportunity for our products, including expected demand for our products;
- our plans for hiring additional personnel; and
- any of our other plans, objectives, expectations and intentions contained or incorporated into this prospectus that are not historical facts.

These statements relate to future events or future financial performance, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may", "will", "should", "could", "expects", "plans", "intends", "anticipates", "believes", "estimates", "predicts", "potential", or "continue", or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements. These statements are only predictions.

Factors that may cause our actual results to differ materially from our forward-looking statements include, among others, changes in general economic and business conditions and the risks and other factors set forth in "Item 1A—Risk Factors" and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Our actual results may be materially different from what we expect. We undertake no duty to update these forward-looking statements after the date of this prospectus, even though our situation may change in the future. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We will not receive any proceeds from the selling stockholders' sales of our common stock. We could receive up to a maximum of approximately \$2,186,727 million in proceeds from the cash exercise of all the warrants held by the selling stockholders and covered by this prospectus, which proceeds would be used for working capital and general corporate purposes. As of the date hereof, none of the warrants have been exercised.

# SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

As described above, on May 7, 2012, we entered into the PIPE SPA with Alafi Capital Company LLC, certain affiliates of Sanderling Venture Partners, and certain affiliates of the Franklin Templeton funds and identified below whereby we sold an aggregate of approximately 21.7 million shares of PIPE Common Stock at a price of \$0.3361 per share, together with PIPE Warrants to purchase an aggregate of approximately 21.7 million shares of common stock at a price of \$0.125 per share having an exercise price of \$0.3361 per share, in each case prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split. Each purchaser thereunder received a PIPE Warrant to purchase one share of common stock for every share of PIPE Common Stock purchased.

On July 10, 2012, we effected a one-for-ten Reverse Stock Split of our common stock. As a result, the PIPE Common Stock was combined and converted into an aggregate of approximately 2.17 million shares of our common stock, and the PIPE Warrants became exercisable for approximately 2.17 million shares, with an exercise price of \$3.361 per share. All of the information (including the number of shares outstanding as of June 29, 2012) has been adjusted to reflect the Reverse Stock Split, except where indicated.

This prospectus relates to the sale or other disposition of 2,168,727 shares of PIPE Common Stock and 650,618 shares of common stock underlying the PIPE Warrants issued to the affiliates of Franklin Templeton described below, or their respective transferees. The issuance of the shares upon exercise of PIPE Warrants is not covered by this prospectus; only the resale of the shares underlying warrants are covered. The shares issuable upon exercise of the PIPE Warrants issued to Alafi Capital Company LLC and the Sanderling Venture Partners affiliates is also not covered by this prospectus. The average weighted exercise price of the warrants is \$3.361 per share.

In addition, under the terms of the PIPE Warrants, a selling stockholder may not exercise the PIPE Warrants to the extent such selling stockholder or any of its affiliates would beneficially own more than 19.999% of our common stock. The numbers of shares set forth in the table below, however, do not reflect this limitation.

We have filed with the SEC, under the Securities Act, a registration statement on Form S-1, of which this prospectus forms a part, with respect to the resale of the shares issuable upon exercise of the warrants from time to time on the Nasdaq Global Market, in privately-negotiated transactions, or otherwise. We have agreed with the selling stockholders to keep the registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part effective until the earlier of (1) such time as all of the shares covered by this prospectus have been disposed of pursuant to and in accordance with the registration statement or (2) the date on which all of the shares may be sold without restriction pursuant to Rule 144 of the Securities Act.

The following table sets forth the name of each selling stockholder, the number of shares of our common stock known by us to be beneficially owned by each selling stockholder as of June 29, 2012, the number of shares of our common stock that may be offered for resale for the account of each selling stockholder pursuant to this prospectus and the number of shares of our common stock to be held by each selling stockholder after the sale of all of the shares covered by this prospectus by that selling stockholder. The information is based on information provided by or on behalf of the selling stockholders. The selling stockholders may offer all, some or none of the common stock. Because the selling stockholders may offer all or some portion of the common stock, we cannot estimate the amount of the common stock that will be held by the selling stockholders upon termination of any of these sales. In addition the selling stockholders identified below may have sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of all or a portion of their common stock since the date on which they provided the information regarding their common stock in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Percentage ownership is based on 7,808,190 shares of common stock outstanding as of June 29, 2012.

The selling stockholders may sell all, some or none of the common stock being offered. This information is based upon our review of public filings, our stockholder, optionholder and warrantholder registers and information furnished by the selling stockholders.

| Selling Stockholder  | Shares Beneficially<br>Owned Prior to<br>the Offering (1)(2) | Shares Offered by<br>This Prospectus | Shares Beneficially<br>Owned Subsequent<br>to the Offering (1)(2)(3)<br>Shares Percent |         |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------|
|  |  |                                      | Shares   | rereene |
| Alafi Capital Company LLC (4)  | 2,704,480  | 867,491                              | 1,836,989 (5)  | 19.87   |
| Sanderling Venture Partners VI Co-Investment Fund, L.P. (6)  | 1,958,537 (7)  | 624,112                              | 1,334,425 (7)  | 14.85   |
| Sanderling Ventures Management VI (6)  | 127,516 (8)  | 26,506                               | 101,010 (8)  | 1.28    |
| Franklin Strategic Series – Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund (9)                                       | 1,296,152  | 1,031,152 (10)                       | 265,000  | 3.18    |
| Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust – Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Securities Fund (9) | 308,827  | 245,687 (11)                         | 63,140   | *       |
| Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Franklin U.S. Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund (9)                        | 30,667   | 24,397 (12)                          | 6,270  | *       |
| Total Number of Shares Offered   |  | 2,819,345                            |  |         |

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\* Less than 1%

- (1) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities.
- (2) Under the terms of the PIPE Warrants, a selling stockholder may not exercise such PIPE Warrant to the extent that such selling stockholder or any of its affiliates would beneficially own more than 19.999% of our common stock. For purposes of completing the Selling Stockholder table above, we have disregarded this limitation.
- (3) Assumes for each stockholder the exercise in full of the warrant held by such stockholder and the sale of all shares offered hereby.
- (4) Christopher Alafi, one of our directors and Moshe Alafi are the managing partners of Alafi Capital Company and have full voting and investment power with respect to the shares owned by Alafi Capital Company. Alafi Capital Company has waived our obligation to reserve shares for issuance under warrants held by such entity.
- (5) Includes warrants to purchase an aggregate of 1,437,852 shares of our common stock.
- (6) Mr. Fred A. Middleton, one of our directors, is affiliated with Sanderling Venture Partners VI Co-Investment Fund, L.P. and Sanderling Ventures Management VI. These funds (and their affiliates) have waived our obligation to reserve shares for issuance under warrants held by such entities. Middleton, McNeil, Mills & Associates, VI, LLC is the Investment General Partner of Sanderling Venture Partners VI Co-Investment Fund, L.P. and has voting and dispositive power over the shares owned by such entity. Sanderling Venture Partners VI Co-Investment Fund, L.P. is managed by its managing directors, Fred A. Middleton, Robert G. McNeil, Timothy C. Mills and Timothy J. Wollaeger. Such individuals disclaim beneficial ownership of all such shares held by the foregoing funds, except to the extent of their proportionate pecuniary interests therein. Sanderling Ventures Management VI is managed by Fred A. Middleton, Robert G. McNeil, Timothy C. Mills and Timothy J. Wollaeger, the individuals who have invested under the d/b/a Sanderling Ventures Management VI, which individuals have voting and dispositive power over the shares owned by Sanderling Ventures Management VI. Such individuals disclaim beneficial ownership of all such shares held by the foregoing funds, except to the stares held by the foregoing funds, except to the extent of their proportionate pecuniary interests therein. In addition to the securities being registered herein, affiliates of Sanderling Venture Partners hold (i) 292,793 shares of our common stock. Mr. Middleton is also a managing director of such affiliated funds, except to the extent of his proportionate pecuniary interests herein funds, except to the extent of his proportionate pecuniary interests therein
- (7) Includes warrants to purchase an aggregate 1,176,265 shares of our common stock.
- (8) Includes warrants to purchase an aggregate of 99,399 shares of our common stock.
- (9) Edward Jamieson, Michael McCarthy and James Cross have the power to vote or dispose of the securities offered for resale under this prospectus and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner or control person for such shares.
- (10) The number of shares offered includes 515,576 shares of common stock and 515,576 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of a PIPE Warrant purchased at the closing of the private placement.
- (11) The number of shares offered includes 122,843 shares of common stock and 122,843 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of a PIPE Warrant purchased at the closing of the private placement.
- (12) The number of shares offered includes 12,199 shares of common stock and 12,199 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of a PIPE Warrant purchased at the closing of the private placement.

# PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The selling stockholders, which as used herein includes donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interest selling shares of common stock or interests in shares of common stock received after the date of this prospectus from a selling stockholder as a gift, pledge, partnership distribution or other transfer, may, from time to time, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of their shares of common stock or interests in shares of common stock on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions. These dispositions may be at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market price, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices.

The selling stockholders may use any one or more of the following methods when disposing of shares or interests therein:

- ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
- privately negotiated transactions;
- short sales effected after the date the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part is declared effective by the SEC;
- through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;
- broker-dealers may agree with the selling stockholders to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;
- a combination of any such methods of sale; and
- any other method permitted by applicable law.

The selling stockholders may, from time to time, pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of the shares of common stock owned by them and, if they default in the performance of their secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the shares of common stock, from time to time, under this prospectus, or under an amendment to this prospectus under Rule 424(b)(3) or other applicable provision of the Securities Act amending the list of selling stockholders to include the pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as selling stockholders under this prospectus. The selling stockholders also may transfer the shares of common stock in other circumstances, in which case the transferees, pledgees or other successors in interest will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus.

In connection with the sale of our common stock or interests therein, the selling stockholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the common stock in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling stockholders may also sell shares of our common stock short and deliver these securities to close out their short positions, or loan or pledge the common stock to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The selling stockholders may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of shares offered by this prospectus, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction).

The aggregate proceeds to the selling stockholders from the sale of the common stock offered by them will be the purchase price of the common stock less discounts or commissions, if any. Each of the selling stockholders reserves the right to accept and, together with their agents from time to time, to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of common stock to be made directly or through agents. We will not receive any of the proceeds from this offering. Upon any exercise of the warrants by payment of cash, however, we will receive the exercise price of the warrants.

The selling stockholders also may resell all or a portion of the shares in open market transactions in reliance upon Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, provided that they meet the criteria and conform to the requirements of that rule.

The selling stockholders and any underwriters, broker-dealers or agents that participate in the sale of the common stock or interests therein may be "underwriters" within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act. Any discounts, commissions, concessions or profit they earn on any resale of the shares may be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Selling stockholders who are "underwriters" within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act.

To the extent required, the shares of our common stock to be sold, the names of the selling stockholders, the respective purchase prices and public offering prices, the names of any agents, dealer or underwriter, any applicable commissions or discounts with respect to a particular offer will be set forth in an accompanying prospectus supplement or, if appropriate, a post-effective amendment to the registration statement that includes this prospectus.

In order to comply with the securities laws of some states, if applicable, the common stock may be sold in these jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states the common stock may not be sold unless it has been registered or qualified for sale or an exemption from registration or qualification requirements is available and is complied with.

We have advised the selling stockholders that the anti-manipulation rules of Regulation M under the Exchange Act may apply to sales of shares in the market and to the activities of the selling stockholders and their affiliates. In addition, to the extent applicable we will make copies of this prospectus (as it may be supplemented or amended from time to time) available to the selling stockholders for the purpose of satisfying the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. The selling stockholders may indemnify any broker-dealer that participates in transactions involving the sale of the shares against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

We have agreed to indemnify the selling stockholders against liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act and state securities laws, relating to the registration of the shares offered by this prospectus.

We have agreed with the selling stockholders to keep the registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part effective until the earlier of (1) such time as all of the shares covered by this prospectus have been disposed of pursuant to and in accordance with the registration statement or (2) the date on which all of the shares may be sold without restriction pursuant to Rule 144 of the Securities Act.

# DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

As of the date of this prospectus, we are authorized to issue up to 310 million shares of capital stock, par value \$.001 per share, divided into two classes designated, respectively, "common stock" and "preferred stock." Of such shares authorized, 300 million shares are designated as common stock, and 10 million shares are designated as preferred stock.

The following is a summary of the material terms of our capital stock and certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws. Since the terms of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, and Delaware law, are more detailed than the general information provided below, you should only rely on the actual provisions of those documents and Delaware law. If you would like to read those documents, they are on file with the SEC, as described under the heading "Where You Can Find Additional Information" below.

On July 10, 2012, we filed a Certificate of Amendment to our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to implement a one-for-ten reverse split of our common stock (the "Reverse Stock Split"). As a result of the Reverse Stock Split, each ten shares of the Company's issued and outstanding common stock were automatically combined and converted into one issued and outstanding share of common stock. The Reverse Stock Split affected all issued and outstanding shares of the Company's common stock, as well as common stock underlying stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock units, warrants and convertible debentures outstanding immediately prior to the effectiveness of the Reverse Stock Split. In addition, the Amendment increased the number of authorized shares of the Company's common stock from 100 million to 300 million. The Reverse Stock Split did not alter the par value of common stock, which remained at \$0.001 per share, or modify any voting rights or other terms of our common stock. Unless otherwise indicated, all information set forth herein gives effect to such Reverse Stock Split.

As of June 29, 2012, there were approximately 78.1 million shares of common stock outstanding that were held of record by approximately 369 stockholders, although we believe that there is a significantly larger number of beneficial owners of our common stock. The Reverse Stock Split reduced the number of shares of our common stock currently outstanding from approximately 78.1 million to approximately 7.8 million. The holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders. Our stockholders do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. Accordingly, holders of a majority of the shares voting are able to elect all of the directors. Subject to preferences that may be granted to any then outstanding preferred stock, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably only those dividends as may be declared by the board of directors out of funds legally available therefor, as well as any distributions to the stockholders. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in all of our assets remaining after we pay our liabilities and distribute the liquidation preference of any then outstanding preferred stock. Holders of common stock have no preemptive or other subscription or conversion rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock.

### Anti-Takeover Provisions of Delaware Law and Charter Provisions

*Interested Stockholder Transactions.* We are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any "business combination" with any "interested stockholder" for a period of three years after the date that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, with the following exceptions:

- before such date, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction began, excluding for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding those shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers and by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- on or after such date, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

Section 203 defines "business combination" to include the following:

- any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;
- any sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition involving the interested stockholder of assets with a value of 10% or more of either the total assets or all outstanding stock of the corporation;
- subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder;
- any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock or any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; or
- the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits by or through the corporation.

In general, Section 203 defines "interested stockholder" as an entity or person beneficially owning 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation or any entity or person affiliated with or controlling or controlled by such entity or person.

In addition, some provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may be deemed to have an antitakeover effect and may delay or prevent a tender offer or takeover attempt that a stockholder might consider in its best interest, including those attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the shares held by stockholders.

*Cumulative Voting.* Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation expressly denies stockholders the right to cumulative voting in the election of directors.

*Classified Board of Directors*. Our board of directors is divided into three classes of directors serving staggered three-year terms. As a result, approximately one-third of the board of directors is elected each year, which has the effect of requiring at least two annual stockholder meetings, instead of one, to replace a majority of the members of the board. These provisions, when coupled with the provision of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizing only the board of directors to fill vacant directorships or increase the size of the board of directors, may deter a stockholder from removing incumbent directors and simultaneously gaining control of the board of directors by filling the vacancies created by such removal with its own nominees. The certificate of incorporation also provides that directors may be removed by stockholders only for cause. Since the board of directors has the power to retain and discharge our officers, these provisions could also make it more difficult for existing stockholders or another party to effect a change in management.

*Stockholder Action; Special Meeting of Stockholders.* Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws do not permit stockholders to act by written consent. They provide that special meetings of our stockholders may be called only by the chairman of our board of directors, our chief executive officer or a majority of our directors. Further, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that the stockholders may amend bylaws adopted by the board of directors or specified provisions of the certificate of incorporation by the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of our capital stock.

Advance Notice Requirements for Stockholder Proposals and Directors Nominations. Our amended and restated bylaws provide that stockholders seeking to bring business before an annual meeting of stockholders, or to nominate candidates for election as directors at an annual meeting of stockholders, must provide timely notice in writing. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at our principal executive offices not more than 120 days or less than 90 days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders. However, in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within 30 days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder in order to be timely must be received not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the date on which notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed to stockholders or made public, whichever first occurs. Our amended and restated bylaws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice. These provisions may preclude stockholders from bringing matters before an annual meeting of stockholders or from nominating directors at an annual meeting of stockholders.

Authorized But Unissued Shares. Our authorized but unissued shares of common stock and preferred stock are available for future issuance without stockholder approval. These additional shares may be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital, corporate acquisitions and employee benefit plans. The existence of authorized but unissued shares of common stock and preferred stock could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of Stereotaxis by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

*Amendments; Supermajority Vote Requirements.* The Delaware General Corporation Law provides generally that the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares entitled to vote on any matter is required to amend a corporation's certificate of incorporation or bylaws, unless either a corporation's certificate of incorporation or bylaws require a greater percentage. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will impose supermajority vote requirements of 66 2/3% of the voting power of our capital stock in connection with the amendment of certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation amended and restated bylaws, including those provisions relating to the classified board of directors, action by written consent and the ability of stockholders to call special meetings.

## **Nasdaq Global Market Listing**

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "STXS".

## **Transfer Agent And Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc. Its address is 1717 Arch St., Suite 130, Philadelphia, PA 10103, and its telephone number is (215) 553-5400.

# LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered hereby has been passed upon for us by Bryan Cave LLP, St. Louis, Missouri. James L. Nouss, Jr., a partner of our legal counsel Bryan Cave LLP, beneficially owns 1,172 shares of our common stock.

## EXPERTS

Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our financial statements and schedule included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, as set forth in their reports (which contains an explanatory paragraph describing conditions that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern as described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements), which are incorporated by reference in the registration statement. Our financial statements and schedule and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011 are incorporated herein by reference in reliance on Ernst & Young LLP's reports, given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. The SEC's website contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers, such as us, that file electronically with the SEC. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of these documents at prescribed rates by writing to the SEC. Please call the SEC at 1–800–SEC–0330 for further information on the operation of its Public Reference Room.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 that registers the distribution of these securities. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits and schedules, contains additional relevant information about us and the securities. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. You can get a copy of the registration statement, at prescribed rates, from the SEC at the address listed above. The registration statement and the documents referred to below under "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference" are also available on our Internet website, http://www.stereotaxis.com, under "Investors—All SEC Filings." We have not incorporated by reference into this prospectus the information on our website, and you should not consider it to be a part of this prospectus.

# INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus, which means we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents that we filed separately with the SEC. You should consider the incorporated information as if we reproduced it in this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the following documents (SEC File No. 000-50884), which contain important information about us and our business and financial results:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, as amended by our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the same period;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2012;
- our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed June 8, 2012;
- our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed July 20, 2012; and
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed January 23, 2012, March 5, 2012 (regarding Item 1.01), April 2, 2012, May 2, 2012, May 8, 2012, May 30, 2012, June 29, 2012, July 10, 2012, and July 25, 2012 and Form 8-K/A filed March 15, 2012.

For purposes of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained herein modifies or supersedes such statement in such document. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

You may get copies of any of the document incorporated by reference (excluding exhibits, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated) at no charge to you by writing or calling the investor relations department at Stereotaxis, Inc. 4320 Forest Park Avenue, Suite 100, St. Louis, Missouri 63108, telephone (314) 678-6100.