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Spine
Endovascular
Diabetes Group
\$1.7B
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Revenue by Business
\$17.0B

Diabetes
Neurological
Spinal and orthopedic
Ear, nose and throat
Structural heart
Urological, urogynecological and gastroenterological
Endovascular

Coronary
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Essential
tremor
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disorder*
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Cranial trauma
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Cervical degenerative disc disease
Scoliosis
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Slow heart rates
(bradycardia)
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