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Boston Scientific Endoscopy Presents Promising Clinical Data During Digestive Disease Week ®

NATICK, Mass., May 18, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Boston Scientific Corporation (NYSE: BSX) announces that seven abstracts and additional clinical data analyses will be presented at Digestive Disease Week® (DDW), May 19 – 22 in San Diego. The analyses involve the SpyGlass® Direct Visualization System, WallFlex® Biliary RX Stent, Expect™ 19 Flex Endoscopic Ultrasound Aspiration Needle and Resolution® Clip.

"The volume and quality of presentations that include Boston Scientific endoscopy products underscore our ability to deliver industry-leading technologies that improve the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal diseases," said David Pierce, president of the endoscopy division at Boston Scientific. "We are committed to developing innovative treatment options and expanding indications that enhance the quality of life for patients, as demonstrated by the recent global launch of our Expect 19 Flex Needle as well as the broad range of Boston Scientific endoscopic innovations showcased at Digestive Disease Week."

The Expect 19 Flex Needle will be available for demonstration at Boston Scientific's booth #1525 during DDW. The company will also offer hands-on demonstration sessions in its Simulated Clinical Endoscopy Suites and at its booth stations for GI Stenting, Access, Visualization and Therapeutics for ERCP, Hemostasis, Dilation, Tissue Acquisition and Enteral Access.

Schedule of Key Podium and Poster Presentations (partial listing, all times are Pacific Daylight Time):

Saturday, May 19

- ***Drastic Improvement of Patency of Covered Self-Expandable Metal Stents for Distal Biliary Obstruction Caused by Pancreatic Carcinomas: a Randomized Multicenter Study Comparing Covered and Uncovered Stents***

Masayuki Kitano, M.D., PhD., will present results from this randomized, multi-center study that compared self-expanding metal stents (SEMSs), specifically the WallFlex® Biliary RX Covered Stent, to uncovered SEMSs for palliative treatment in patients with biliary obstruction due to pancreatic carcinomas. The study will be presented during a forum at 11:00 a.m. in Room 11ab.

- ***Preliminary Results From a 187-Patient Multicenter Prospective Trial Using Metal Stents for Treatment of Benign Biliary Strictures****

Jacques M. Deviere, M.D., will present results from this multi-center, prospective trial that evaluated the use of Boston Scientific's WallFlex® Biliary RX Fully Covered Stent for the treatment of benign biliary strictures, particularly in patients with chronic pancreatitis. The findings will be presented during a forum at 11:15 a.m. in Room 11ab.

**Use of the WallFlex Biliary RX Fully Covered Stent for the treatment of benign strictures or stenoses has not been cleared for use in the United States*.

Sunday, May 20

- ***Early Clinical Experience With a New EUS-Guided 19-Gauge Flexible Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) Device: a Multicenter Study***

Mohammad A. Al-Haddad, M.D., will present results from this multi-center study that examined early clinical experience with the Boston Scientific new Expect™ 19 Flex Endoscopic Ultrasound Aspiration Needle System. The findings will be presented during a forum at 2:45 p.m. in Room 4.

Monday, May 21

- ***Natural History of Definitive Diverticular Hemorrhage Based Upon Stigmata of Recent Hemorrhage and Doppler Blood Flow Monitoring***

Dennis Jensen, M.D., will present results from this prospective study, which examined the rates of clinically significant rebleeding, red blood cell transfusion, and intervention for control of bleeding when definitive diverticular hemorrhage is diagnosed based upon stigmata of recent hemorrhage (SRH) at urgent colonoscopy and managed medically without endoscopic hemostasis. The findings will be presented during a poster session from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Halls C-G.

- ***SpyGlass® System PerOral Cholangioscopy in Indeterminate Biliary Strictures: How to Improve the Diagnostic Yield***

Raffaele Manta, M.D., will present results from this study, which evaluated the Boston Scientific SpyGlass System for differential diagnosis of biliary pathology, including in difficult cases. The findings will be presented during a poster session from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Halls C-G.

- ***SPYGLASS® System Single Operator Cholangioscopy for the Evaluation of Biliary Complications After Liver Transplantation***

Andres Cardenas, M.D., will present results from this prospective study, which examined the Boston Scientific SpyGlass System for visualization and tissue sampling of the anastomotic stricture and bile duct. The findings will be presented during a poster session from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Halls C-G.

Tuesday, May 22

- ***How to Find, Diagnose and Treat Definitive Diverticular Hemorrhage During Urgent Colonoscopy in Patients With Severe Hematochezia: Results and Outcomes of a Large Prospective Study***

Dennis Jensen, M.D., will present results from this large, prospective study, which examined the outcomes for patients with definitive diverticular hemorrhage and which based diagnosis and treatment on SRH at urgent colonoscopy for patients treated with colonoscopic hemostasis. The findings will be presented during a forum at 4:45 p.m. in Room 5ab.

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