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Boston Scientific Announces Additions to Clinical Sciences Organization

NATICK, Mass., Oct. 26 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Boston Scientific today announced that Keith Dawkins, M.D., and Takahiro Uchida, M.D., will be joining the Company's Clinical Sciences organization.

Dr. Dawkins will serve as Senior Vice President and Associate Chief Medical Officer, sitting on both the Clinical Leadership team and the Company's Operating Committee. He is an internationally known senior interventional cardiologist at Southampton University Hospital in England, and a former President of the British Cardiovascular Society. He trained in medicine at London University (Guy's Hospital), and in cardiology at the Brompton Hospital (London), John Radcliffe Hospital (Oxford), and Stanford University Medical Center. He has served as an advisor to the Department of Health in the United Kingdom, and he has worked closely with a number of regulatory agencies there, including the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE).

He will be responsible for leading the medical input process for the Company's Interventional Cardiology, Peripheral Intervention and Neurovascular businesses. He will also participate in the formulation and execution of technology strategies for both internal research and development, as well as business development activities. In addition, he will oversee development and dissemination of scientifically based education materials to inform customers and regulators.

"We are delighted to have Dr. Dawkins joining us," said Donald S. Baim, M.D., Boston Scientific's Chief Medical and Scientific Officer. "He is a well-published scientific contributor who has been actively involved in the development of the TAXUS® Stent System. He is also a respected medical lecturer who is universally recognized for his keen insights into a broad variety of cardiology and cardiology device-related issues. The addition of Dr. Dawkins will greatly enhance the capabilities of the Clinical Sciences organization at Boston Scientific."

Dr. Dawkins will join the Company in January.

Dr. Takahiro Uchida, who will serve as a Director in Clinical Research and as Medical Director, International, is another key addition to the Clinical Sciences organization. He is a skilled interventional cardiologist who received his Medical Degree from Fukushima Medical University, followed by an M.S. in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Medicine from Tokyo Women's Medical University. After training with the Japanese Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA), Dr. Uchida became a research fellow in the Division of Clinical Biometrics at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard Clinical Research Institute. Most recently, Dr. Uchida has served as a Medical Officer in the Interventional Cardiovascular Device Branch of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

He will be responsible for providing high-level medical input on the design, regulatory strategy and conduct of a broad range of international trials concentrated in the cardiovascular area, while also providing a strong communication link to the key regulatory bodies and customer base worldwide.

"Dr. Uchida will play an important role on our global Clinical Sciences team," said Dr. Baim. "He is well qualified for his important new role by virtue of his training as an interventional cardiologist, uniquely augmented by his experience with clinical trials from both the biostatistical trial conduct and regulatory perspectives, through his service with the Japanese and U.S. regulatory agencies."

Dr. Uchida will join the Company in December.

"The addition of these two highly capable individuals significantly strengthens Boston Scientific's Clinical Sciences' capabilities, and further enhances our ability to serve as the 'voice of the patient' by providing the highest-level expert clinical input throughout the product life cycle of our current and future medical devices," added Dr. Baim. "Combined with the talents of nearly 400 other professionals within our group, the unique skills and contributions of Dr. Dawkins and Dr. Uchida will be invaluable in helping us maintain and expand Boston Scientific's worldwide leadership in the treatment of cardiovascular disease and the broad range of other life- threatening and disabling diseases."

Boston Scientific is a worldwide developer, manufacturer and marketer of medical devices whose products are used in a broad range of interventional medical specialties. For more information, please visit: http://www.bostonscientific.com/.

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