

Boston Scientific to Donate Cardiac Rhythm Management Devices to Heartbeat International for Implantation in Needy Patients

NATICK, Mass., May 13 [PRNewswire-FirstCall](#)/ -- Boston Scientific Corporation (NYSE: BSX) today announced that it has agreed to donate Cardiac Rhythm Management (CRM) devices, including pacemakers, implantable cardioverter defibrillators and cardiac resynchronization therapy devices to Heartbeat International, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing CRM devices and medical care at no charge to needy patients in countries outside the United States. The donation marks the beginning of the Company's agreement to provide Heartbeat International with CRM devices that would otherwise remain unused.

"We are very pleased to be able to donate life-saving and life-enhancing medical devices through Heartbeat International," said Fred Colen, President, Boston Scientific Cardiac Rhythm Management. "We are proud to support the humanitarian efforts of this organization and help advance their mission to serve those in need."

Heartbeat International operates 41 approved distribution centers in 22 countries. Volunteer physicians provide implantation procedures and follow-up care at local hospitals at no charge. Heartbeat International also works closely with regulatory bodies to confirm compliance with applicable laws and has partnered with Rotary International to verify that devices are implanted only in patients with medical need and severely limited economic resources.

"Each year more than one million people die or live a compromised life because they need but cannot afford an implantable device," said Wil Mick, President and Chief Operating Officer of Heartbeat International. "Thanks to donations from companies like Boston Scientific, we can help save or improve the lives of many who otherwise could not afford these advanced therapies."

In addition to donating devices, Boston Scientific will provide device programmers, programmer software and software updates, and implant accessories to Heartbeat International to support device implant and follow-up care.

About Boston Scientific

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: www.bostonscientific.com.

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Factors that may cause such differences include, among other things: future economic, competitive, reimbursement and regulatory conditions; new product introductions; demographic trends; intellectual property; litigation; financial market conditions; and, future business decisions made by us and our competitors. All of these factors are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and many of them are beyond our control. For a further list and description of these and other important risks

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