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Boston Scientific Launches Neuromodulation Learning Institute To Enhance Clinical Education For Spinal Cord Stimulation

NATICK, Mass., Aug. 10, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Boston Scientific Corporation (NYSE: BSX) has launched its Neuromodulation Learning Institute™ (NLI), a clinical education program and online resource center for healthcare providers to enhance their knowledge and awareness of spinal cord stimulation (SCS) technology, procedures and techniques. The Company made the announcement during the annual meeting of the International Spine Intervention Society (ISIS) occurring this week in Chicago.

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The NLI offers a broad range of hands-on and web-based learning tools for healthcare professionals to enhance patient outcomes using Boston Scientific's Precision Plus™ SCS System, which uses current delivered to the spinal cord to mask pain signals to the brain. The NLI sponsors live classroom and peer-to-peer educational opportunities showcasing basic and advanced SCS procedures and techniques. It also offers the first and only SCS mobile simulator system, STIM Lab™. NLI members can benefit from interaction with healthcare professionals and gain access to experienced chronic pain specialists and spine surgeons.

To complement these learning tools, Boston Scientific is also introducing its NLI iPhone®/iPad® app, an industry-first educational resource for healthcare providers using SCS to manage patients with chronic pain. It features surgical technique videos and access to a comprehensive SCS textbook, *Spinal Cord Stimulation: Percutaneous Implantation Techniques*, written by Paul Kries, M.D., and Scott Fishman, M.D.

"The NLI offers in-depth instruction on techniques critical to successful patient outcomes with SCS," said Thomas Simopoulos, M.D., Director of the Interventional Pain Service at the Arnold Pain Management Center, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and Assistant Professor of Anesthesia at Harvard Medical School. "The new iPhone/iPad app is an excellent tool for training current and prospective pain physicians on spinal cord stimulation."

"This unique training forum will benefit physicians and their patients who suffer from chronic pain by offering healthcare providers a comprehensive, single source of SCS information," said Michael Onuscheck, Senior Vice President and President of Boston Scientific's Neuromodulation Division. "The Neuromodulation Learning Institute is dedicated to providing a continuum of physician training that will broaden understanding of SCS and advance the quality of patient care."

For additional information and to review the NLI's clinical training and educational offerings, visit www.NeuromodLearning.com. Healthcare providers may download the NLI iPhone/iPad app for free at www.NeuromodLearning.com/app and activate it by obtaining a unique passcode from their local Boston Scientific Neuromodulation representative.

For more information on Boston Scientific's Precision Plus™ SCS System, visitwww.pain.com.

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