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Boston Scientific Announces FDA Approval and Launch of Lead Splitters for the Precision Plus™ Spinal Cord Stimulator System

Two new splitters allow multi-site placement of up to four spinal cord stimulation leads

NATICK, Mass., June 24 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Boston Scientific Corporation (NYSE: BSX) today announced U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval and launch of two spinal cord stimulation (SCS) lead splitters for use with its Precision Plus™ Spinal Cord Stimulator System, the world's first rechargeable SCS device for the management of chronic pain of the trunk, back and/or limbs. The W4 and D4 splitters each enable multi-site placement of up to four leads, which are designed to deliver electrical pulses to the spinal cord that mask pain signals to the brain. The products will be introduced at the 12th annual meeting of the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (ASIPP), June 26 – 30 in Arlington, Virginia.

The new splitters offer a broader range of lead configurations and are designed to provide physicians more treatment options for their chronic pain patients.

"Spinal cord stimulation is an important treatment option for chronic pain," said Giancarlo Barolat, M.D., Medical Director of Barolat Neuroscience in Denver. "Boston Scientific's lead splitters give pain management physicians more choices to help optimize pain relief when using the Precision Plus System."

"Our goal is to design products that provide lasting pain relief for patients," said Michael Onuscheck, Senior Vice President and President of Boston Scientific's Neuromodulation Division. "We are pleased to introduce this expanded line of splitters for multi-site SCS lead placement."

Pain is the most common reason Americans seek medical treatment, and an estimated 26 million Americans experience frequent back pain. Many chronic pain patients have found that SCS helps them manage their pain and live better lives.

Boston Scientific will present its full line of Neuromodulation products at booth #22/43 at the ASIPP annual meeting.

About Boston Scientific Neuromodulation

Boston Scientific Neuromodulation is an innovation leader in implantable pain management technology. The Precision Plus™ Spinal Cord Stimulator System, powered by SmoothWave™ Technology, uses pulses of electricity delivered directly along nerve fibers through the spinal cord to mask pain signals to the brain. Through its investments in technology, clinical science and world-class service, Boston Scientific Neuromodulation is committed to Making life smoother™ for physicians and patients. For more information on Precision Plus technology, visit http://www.ControlYourPain.com.

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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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For a further list and description of these and other important risks and uncertainties that may affect our future operations, see Part I, Item 1A – *Risk Factors* in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we may update in Part II, Item 1A – *Risk Factors* in Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q we have filed or will file hereafter. We disclaim any intention or obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect any change in our expectations or in events, conditions, or circumstances on which those expectations may be based, or that may affect the likelihood that actual results will differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements. This cautionary statement is applicable to all forward-looking statements contained in this document.

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