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Boston Scientific Announces FDA Approval of New Leads for the Precision Plus™ Spinal Cord Stimulator System

Company now offers pain specialists the most comprehensive portfolio of SCS percutaneous leads

NATICK, Mass., July 29 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Boston Scientific Corporation (NYSE: BSX) today announced U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of two spinal cord stimulation (SCS) leads 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 and/or limbs. The Linear™ 3-4 and Linear™ 3-6 Percutaneous Leads offer wider contact spacing to expand the lead choices available to physicians. The Company plans to launch the products immediately in the U.S.; they were launched in Europe and other international markets earlier this year.

SCS leads are designed to deliver electrical pulses from an implantable pulse generator to the spinal cord to mask pain signals to the brain. The new leads, in combination with the recently launched W4 and D4 lead splitters, provide the broadest range of percutaneous lead configurations in the industry.

"I have had great results using Boston Scientific's Linear Lead with tight contact spacing for my chronic pain patients," said Stephen Pyles, M.D., of the Florida Pain Clinic in Ocala, Florida. "When I want wider contact spacing, these new leads provide that option."

"Our products are designed to meet the unique clinical demands of SCS pain patients," said Michael Onuscheck, Senior Vice President and President of Boston Scientific's Neuromodulation Division. "The approval of these products expands our portfolio of leads for the Precision Plus System, offering pain management physicians more choices to help optimize pain relief for their patients."

Pain is the most common reason Americans seek medical treatment, and many chronic pain patients have found that SCS helps them manage their pain and live better lives.

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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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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