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Boston Scientific Announces FDA Approval and First Implant for New Devices to Treat Heart Failure and Sudden Cardiac Death

New family of cardiac devices offers excellent longevity and industry's longest warranty

NATICK, Mass., Nov. 30, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Boston Scientific Corporation (NYSE: BSX) announces FDA approval of its INCEPTA™, ENERGEN™ and PUNCTUA™ cardiac resynchronization therapy defibrillators (CRT-Ds) and implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs) to treat heart failure and sudden cardiac death. The new devices offer enhanced therapy options, advanced battery longevity and a DF4 universal connector system in the industry's smallest and thinnest platform. The first implant of the Company's next-generation INCEPTA ICD occurred yesterday at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle by Jeanne E. Poole, M.D., FHRS, FACC, Professor of Medicine and Director, Arrhythmia Service and Electrophysiology Laboratory.

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"Boston Scientific is providing physicians a choice of premium high-energy devices that are the world's smallest and thinnest, offer advanced battery technology with excellent longevity, and are backed by the longest warranty in the industry of up to 10 years," said Joe Fitzgerald, Senior Vice President and President of Boston Scientific's Cardiac Rhythm Management Group. "This new portfolio of products, built on our tradition of innovation, will provide physicians with flexible therapeutic options designed to match specific patient needs."

"These devices are a direct response to what patients tell us they want the most -- small, thin, long-lasting devices that provide appropriate therapy when necessary," said Dr. Poole. "Additionally, these devices are designed to streamline the implant procedure with Boston Scientific's 4-SITE™ DF4 connector system."

"The DF4 connector system makes the industry's smallest devices even smaller, potentially increasing patient comfort and making the implant procedure quicker and easier for physicians, while the new features will offer even more options for customizing patient care," said Kenneth Stein, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of Boston Scientific's Cardiac Rhythm Management Group. "The 4-SITE lead is built on the RELIANCE® family of defibrillation leads, which has a demonstrated survival probability of 99 percent at seven years."

The 4-SITE DF4 connector system reduces the volume of Boston Scientific's single-chamber ICDs to 30.5cc and CRT-Ds to 32cc, while maintaining a thickness of less than 10mm. The system is also designed to simplify and reduce the time needed for the implant procedure by combining three separate lead terminals into one integrated connection and leveraging the new EZ-4™ Connector Tool which allows physicians to reduce the number of steps required during implant.

These next-generation devices also include options to promote appropriate therapy, reduce right ventricular pacing, and improve patient management through the availability of the LATITUDE® Heart Failure Management weight scale and blood pressure cuff sensors.

"Including remote monitoring as a standard for patients will assist physicians involved in the management of this very complex disease. By involving patients in that process, it could also motivate them to become more engaged in their own care," said Leslie A. Saxon, M.D., Chief of Cardiovascular Medicine at University of Southern California, and Committee Chair of the ALTITUDE Clinical Program sponsored by Boston Scientific. "In the ALTITUDE Survival study, patients with remote monitoring had a lower mortality rate."

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