

Zimmer® Patient Specific Instruments Offer Personalized Experience for Partial and Total Knee Replacements

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Intelligent Instruments Help Streamline Surgical Procedures and Increase Operating Room Efficiency

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SIX: ZMH), a global leader in musculoskeletal health, today announced the availability of personalized surgical cutting guides for partial knee replacement procedures at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons annual meeting in San Francisco, CA.

Partial knee replacement is an option for patients when arthritis affects only one compartment of the knee. Partial knee replacement procedures potentially offer patients a less invasive surgery, less pain, faster recovery, and a more normal feeling knee. Each year, more than fifty thousand patients undergo partial, or unicompartmental, knee replacement procedures in the United States, and this number is expected to grow.

Building on the success of *Zimmer® Patient Specific Instruments* for the *NexGen® Complete Knee* and the *Gender Solutions® Natural-Knee®* replacement systems, Patient Specific Instruments (PSI) are now available for use with the *Zimmer® Unicompartmental High Flex Knee System*.

"*Zimmer Patient Specific Instruments* have been used to provide thousands of total knee replacement patients with a personalized surgical plan and procedure," said Jeff McCaulley, President, Zimmer Reconstructive. "The technology is designed to ensure accurate placement of the knee implant for an optimal fit, feel and function. PSI also helps streamline the surgical procedure by eliminating numerous steps in the conventional knee replacement process, potentially reducing surgery time and increasing operating room efficiency. We are excited to now make this technology available for partial knee replacement procedures."

Zimmer Patient Specific Instruments utilize MRI technology and pre-operative planning tools to create personalized guides that are tailored to each patient's unique anatomy. Surgeons can obtain pre-operative views of a patient's knee to construct a personalized surgical plan, including identifying the

precise position and angle of numerous bone cuts. Personalized guides for knee replacement surgery support surgeons in performing accurate and safe procedures.

For more information about *Zimmer Patient Specific Instruments* technology, visit the company at Booth 519 at the 2012 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons annual meeting in San Francisco, or go to www.zimmer.com.

About Zimmer

Founded in 1927 and headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana, Zimmer designs, develops, manufactures and markets orthopaedic reconstructive, spinal and trauma devices, dental implants, and related surgical products. Zimmer has operations in more than 25 countries around the world and sells products in more than 100 countries. Zimmer's 2011 sales were approximately \$4.5 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 8,500 employees worldwide. For more information about Zimmer, visit www.zimmer.com.

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