

Zimmer® Announces 1000th Implantation of Its Zimmer Natural Nail™ Cephalomedullary Nail

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WARSAW, Ind., Oct 13, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SIX: ZMH), a global leader in musculoskeletal care, today announced the one thousandth implantation of its *Zimmer Natural Nail* Cephalomedullary Nail in the United States since the product release in April 2010. The *Zimmer Natural Nail* system features an innovative design focused on restoring patients' original anatomy.

The *Zimmer Natural Nail* Cephalomedullary Nail is designed to help address fractures of the femur, especially intertrochanteric and subtrochanteric fractures. The System is a next-generation line of intramedullary nails, screws and instruments designed to provide surgeons with an intuitive and easy-to-use system for long bone fixation.

"The rapid success of our Cephalomedullary Nail since its introduction earlier this year is testament to its truly innovative design," said Jeffrey Paulsen, President, Zimmer Global Businesses. "The nail enables surgeons to help restore the natural anatomies of patients of all shapes and sizes."

Both the long and short Cephalomedullary Nails have anatomical bows that help restore the shape of the femur to its natural, pre-injury state. The System utilizes Zimmer's patented StabliZe Technology and optimized screw locations to help better link the nail to bone. Screws are placed throughout the implant to further secure it and maintain length and alignment during the healing process. These features help surgeons to achieve stable fixation even in osteoporotic bone. Color-coded instrumentation makes it simple to match nails with their corresponding guides. A wide range of widths, lengths and center-column-diaphyseal (CCD) angles is available to match implants to the individual anatomy of the patient.

Zimmer has initiated a prospective, multi-center, post-market clinical study to monitor and document the outcomes of patients receiving either the short or long Cephalomedullary Nail in intertrochanteric and subtrochanteric proximal femoral fractures.

About the Company

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 2009 sales were approximately \$4.1 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 8,000 employees worldwide.

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