

New Hip Implant Provides Personalized Fit

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Zimmer Introduces the Continuum(TM) Acetabular System

WARSAW, Ind., March 11, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SIX: ZMH), a leader in musculoskeletal care, today showcased its recently introduced *Continuum* Acetabular Cup System at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) annual meeting. The *Continuum* Cup combines the best of Zimmer's proven hip technologies - *Trabecular Metal(TM)* Technology, *Metasul(R)* Metal-on-Metal technology, *BIOLOX(R)* delta and *Longevity(R)* Highly Crosslinked Polyethylene - with new innovations in what is now the company's most versatile acetabular cup system.

Candidates for hip replacement surgery represent a wide array of ages and lifestyle demands. Different patient circumstances require surgeons to consider a variety of implant bearing surfaces to accommodate their patients' needs. The *Continuum* Cup gives surgeons the option of choosing between metal or Highly Crosslinked Polyethylene bearing surfaces, and metal or ceramic heads to match a range of patient lifestyles.

"By creating a system with multiple cup liner options in a range of sizes and configurations, surgeons are able to select the cup and bearing surface which best meet each patient's specific needs, creating a more personalized fit," said Jeff McCaulley, President, Zimmer Reconstructive. "In combination with our comprehensive stem portfolio, including our *Fitmore(R)* Hip Stem and our M/L Taper with *Kinectiv(R)* technology, Zimmer offers surgeons tremendous flexibility and confidence to personalize the implant solution."

Continuum shells are made with Zimmer's proprietary *Trabecular Metal* Technology, a highly porous tantalum material that supports initial implant stability and fixation. *Trabecular Metal* Technology is conducive to more normal bone formation and bone in-growth, decreased stress-shielding, and the potential for improved long-term implant fixation. The *Metasul* liner incorporates Zimmer's *Metasul* Metal-on-Metal technology, which has more than 20 years of clinical history. *Longevity*, the principal technology behind the polyethylene liner, is highly resistant to wear and aging and has more than 10 years of clinical experience.

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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