Zimmer Introduces New Generation of the WallisÃ,® Dynamic Stabilization System

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WARSAW, Ind., April 29, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE and SIX: ZMH), a global leader in musculoskeletal care, today announced the launch of the next generation of its *Wallis*® Posterior Dynamic Stabilization System, the *UniWallis*™ System, in Europe and Asia Pacific. Since the debut of the *Wallis* System in 2000, feedback collected from surgeons revealed the need for a device that maintains all of the clinical advantages of the *Wallis* System, provides improved ease of use and offers a more anatomy-sparing procedure.

The principles of the *UniWallis* and *Wallis* implants are the same: the spacer controls movements in extension and the band controls movements in flexion. In addition to the advantages it shares with the *Wallis* implant, the *UniWallis* implant offers surgeons the ability to perform surgery from a unilateral approach, preserving the supraspinous ligament.

"The launch of the new *UniWallis* System offers surgeons a redesigned and reinforced approach to increasing patient mobility," said Steve Healy, President of Zimmer Spine. "The broad array of implant sizes available with the *UniWallis* System allows us to improve the lives of an even wider range of patients."

Interspinous dynamic stabilization first appeared in 1987, establishing the need for posterior dynamic stabilization to treat lower back pain due to degenerative instability. Today, the *UniWallis* implant combines all of the advantages of the original *Wallis* device but permits even more preservation and adaptability to the patient's anatomy. The *UniWallis* System has not received clearance from the Food and Drug Administration and is not available for sale in the United States.

A global leader in medical devices, orthopaedic implants, and spine surgery innovation, Zimmer Spine works with surgeons to improve range of motion
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