HeartLightâ„¢ Endoscopic Ablation System Now Available in the UK

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MARLBOROUGH, Mass., Aug. 22, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- CardioFocus, Inc., developer of the HeartLight™ Endoscopic Ablation System (EAS) for the treatment of atrial fibrillation (AF), announces that the HeartLight EAS is now available in the United Kingdom. The first AF patients were treated at The Heart Hospital in London on Wednesday, August 17, with additional cases to take place throughout the month.

The procedures were performed by Drs. Edward Rowland and Oliver Segal, consultant cardiologists at The Heart Hospital, and proctored by Dr. Boris Schmidt of Cardioangiologisches Centrum Bethanien, Frankfurt, Germany, an international expert on the HeartLight EAS technology. The Heart Hospital is part of the University College London Hospitals Foundation Trust and anticipates HeartLight EAS could be used in up to half of the nearly 400 AF ablation procedures performed at the hospital every year.

Stephen Sagon, President and CEO of CardioFocus, Inc. said, "With the addition of this important UK center, we are continuing the introduction of HeartLight EAS to leading medical hubs across Europe. We are encouraged by the quick adoption of this technology by leaders in the electrophysiology community and are pleased to bring the possibility of a more durable, reproducible ablation option to an expanding number of AF practitioners and their patients."

HeartLight EAS is a unique catheter ablation technology that incorporates an illuminating endoscope to provide physicians with direct visualization within a beating heart, in real time and without radiation. It also features a compliant, dynamically adjustable balloon catheter for improved contact with the pulmonary vein (PV) ostium and utilizes laser energy for more efficient, precise ablation.

Recent data has demonstrated that approximately 86% of PVs remained persistently isolated after three months following a single procedure with HeartLight EAS(1), with 65% of patients achieving durable f
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