MED-EL Launches Single-Unit Processor for Cochlear Implants

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MED-EL Corporation USA, has announced the launch of a single-unit processor for cochlear implants, the RONDO™. For the first time, the control-unit, battery pack and coil are combined into one single unit. The announcement was made at the Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meetings (COSM) in Orlando, Fla.

"RONDO is one of the most innovative and highly-anticipated cochlear implant developments that has been brought to market by MED-EL," said Richard Collette, President and CEO, MED-EL Corporation USA. "This launch continues MED-EL's tradition of developing revolutionary solutions designed to fit the unique hearing loss situation and lifestyle of our recipients."

The fully-integrated design makes RONDO simple to wear, and is especially comfortable for people who wear glasses of any kind. With no cable and fewer parts, users benefit from enhanced durability.

RONDO is based on the proven OPUS Audio Processor platform and features the same signature MAESTRO System Software technologies. This includes Automatic Sound Management, which ensures optimal hearing in changing and challenging listening situations, all without requiring the user to make program adjustments. The processor also features FineHearing ®1 Technology, which provides an even more detailed hearing experience. The new processor comes with MED-EL's

exclusive FineTuner remote control, used to adjust program, volume, sensitivity and a variety of other listening parameters.

Staying true to the company's commitment to forward compatibility, RONDO can be used with MED-EL CONCERT, SONATA, PULSAR and C40+ implants, and has been designed for compatibility with future sound coding strategies.

RONDO is available in four colors: Anthracite, Nordic Grey, Creme and Ebony. The processor is covered by MED-EL USA's industry-leading standard 5-year warranty for all major external parts, with no special enrollment necessary. Current MED-EL users have the option of exchanging an OPUS 1 or OPUS 2 Audio Processor for a RONDO.

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