



Primary-User Group Established to Advance PiGalileo™ Computer-Assisted Surgery Technology

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Members Meet With Company Engineers to Share Results and Define the Roadmap for Future Development

San Diego, CA – PLUS Orthopedics USA, Inc., a leading distributor of total joint replacement systems and innovative Computer-Assisted Orthopedic Surgery technology, today announced that a Primary-User Group has been established for its PiGalileo™ Computer-Assisted Orthopedic Surgery System. The group's primary role is to educate other orthopedic surgeons about the use and clinical benefits of this technology, as well as collaborate with company engineers to define and develop future products and features that meet the needs of the orthopedic surgical market.

The PiGalileo™ Primary-User Group consists of four well-respected orthopedic surgeons who collectively have over 50 years of clinical experience and have performed over 15,000 total joint replacement surgeries, with extensive Computer-Assisted Orthopedic Surgery experience; having used a variety of products on the market. The surgeons selected to serve in this elite group are Dr. Gary Botimer (Staff Orthopedic Surgeon at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa, ID), Dr. Thomas Ferro (Chief of Surgery at Arroyo Grande Hospital in Arroyo Grande, CA), Dr. Jan Koenig (Director of Orthopedics at Mercy Medical Center in Rockville Centre, NY), and Dr. Tyler Goldberg (Staff Orthopedic Surgeon at The Austin Diagnostic Clinic in Austin, TX).

“We are honored to be working with this group of talented surgeons to advance this technology,” said Craig Grabell, CEO of PLUS Orthopedics, USA. “The PiGalileo™ system has already ‘raised the bar’ for Computer-Assisted Surgery technology, and with the work of this group our goal is to develop world-class technologies that will define the standard of care for total joint replacement surgery.”

In the initial kick-off User-Group meeting, member surgeons both worked with engineers and developers to define future product requirements, along with discussions about their initial experiences with the PiGalileo™ system. It was significant to note that out of over 300 initial TKA surgeries performed with the system, no cases of notching the anterior femur were noted, all cases were within 3-degrees of neutral mechanical axis alignment, and there were no related complications reported.



Medical literature has shown that a common cause of joint implant failure is implant misalignment, with a misalignment of only 3-degrees being strongly correlated to excessive wear on the joint and implant failure over time. Computer-Assisted Orthopedic Surgery with the PiGalileo™ system aims to position the implants optimally for the patient, thereby reducing the potential for misalignment and related complications.

Since its international release in 1999, there are over 80 PiGalileo™ systems installed throughout the world, which have supported more than 10,000 surgical procedures.

About PLUS Orthopedics USA, Inc.

PLUS Orthopedics USA, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of PLUS Orthopedics Holding, AG, a manufacturer of implant systems for the hip, knee and shoulder joints, as well as products for the treatment of orthopedic trauma, since 1997. PLUS Orthopedics USA, Inc., headquartered in San Diego, California, is now bringing these products to patients across the U.S. with a commitment to offering our customers high quality products and services with proven results. For more information visit the company's web site at www.plusortho.com.

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