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## **Boston Scientific Opens Institute for Advancing Science in Johannesburg**

JOHANNESBURG (November 12, 2015) – Deepening its commitment to the African healthcare sector, Boston Scientific Corporation (NYSE: BSX) today officially opened the South Africa branch of the Boston Scientific Institute for Advancing Science (IAS) in Johannesburg. The state-of-the-art facility will help train and further develop the skills and knowledge base of local healthcare professionals. With local thought leaders and experts as faculty, the facility will also help meet training needs of the other African nations.

The opening marks the seventh Boston Scientific IAS globally, including sites in the United States, France, Japan and China. Another Institute is slated to open next month in Istanbul.

"Boston Scientific is privileged to be able to play a part in the development and growth of the African healthcare sector," said Mike Mahoney, president and chief executive officer, Boston Scientific. "We believe that the training healthcare professionals will receive at the Johannesburg IAS will help broaden the understanding of life-saving medical device technologies and ultimately benefit more patients. South Africa is an important market in our ongoing global expansion, and a key focus area for investment in the region."

Facilitators at the new IAS will run clinical education programs in interventional cardiology, radiology, cardiac rhythm management, electrophysiology, peripheral interventions, endoscopy, urology, stone management and pelvic health. Courses will focus on raising awareness of the latest industry trends while allowing hands-on training with current medical devices.

The Institute will provide educational programs from EDUCARE, Boston Scientific's comprehensive suite of education programs that support healthcare professionals in the delivery of patient care worldwide.

"This institute will have a great impact by affording healthcare professionals the opportunity to train in various forms of both diagnostic and interventional endoscopy procedures," said Professor Zach Koto, chief specialist and head of the Department of Surgery, Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University and the Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital. "In endoscopy, technology has advanced to such levels that the procedural skills required have placed a burden on many facilities with regards to caseloads. The IAS moves skills training from the operating or procedure rooms to the laboratory. Besides potentially decreasing overall training costs with less time needed for training, this may also help improve operating room performance, enhance patient care and advance the techniques of both experienced and new physicians."

"At Boston Scientific, we recognize the crucial importance of healthcare professional skills development, training and experience in improving health outcomes and quality of care," said Ruwaida Shaikh, country director, South Africa, Boston Scientific. "We are confident that the opening of the IAS aligns with the South African National Department of Health's objectives of increasing training and education for healthcare professionals and supporting the healthcare working environment. We also plan to have a strong African outreach as many other countries share this need for training opportunities."

In addition, Boston Scientific announced a collaboration with Project HOPE, a global health education and humanitarian assistance organization, to assist with the screening of South Africans for diabetes and

hypertension. Project HOPE is one of the largest non-governmental organizations providing screenings as part of the National Department of Health's goal of screening eight million South Africans for non-communicable diseases by March, 2016. The country is second only to Nigeria among African nations with the highest rates of adult diabetes<sup>1</sup> and the world's highest rate of high blood pressure among people over 50<sup>2</sup>.

### **About Boston Scientific**

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<sup>1</sup> Viswanathan Mohan, "The Rising Burden of Diabetes and Hypertension in Southeast Asian and African Regions: Need for Effective Strategies for Prevention and Control in Primary Health Care Settings," *International Journal of Hypertension*, no. 2013 (2013). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2013/409083>.

<sup>2</sup> Peter Lloyd-Sherlock, "Hypertension among older adults in low- and middle-income countries: prevalence, awareness and control." *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 43, no. 1 (Feb 2014):116-28. doi: 10.1093/ije/dyt215.

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