

Boston Scientific Welcomes Latest Guidance on Bronchial Thermoplasty

NICE Report Supports Safety and Effectiveness of Alair® System

Boston Scientific (UK) welcomes new guidance from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) on the use of Bronchial Thermoplasty (BT) to treat adult patients with severe asthma that is not well controlled with medications.

The guidance, issued by the Institute's Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee (IPAC) states that "Evidence on the efficacy of bronchial thermoplasty for severe asthma shows some improvement in symptoms and quality of life, and a reduction in exacerbations and admission to hospital. Evidence on safety is adequate in the short and medium term."

"It is rewarding to receive positive guidance from NICE showing that BT is a safe and effective treatment option for severe asthma sufferers," said Tim Coutts, Vice President, General Manager UK, Nordic Countries and South Africa at Boston Scientific. "The Alair™ System has been well received in the UK and other countries where it has gained increased acceptance among physicians and patients. This technology demonstrates Boston Scientific's commitment to improving patient quality of life through continuous innovation in minimally invasive medicine."

Bronchial Thermoplasty is a procedure performed under moderate sedation designed to help control severe asthma by reducing the mass of Airway Smooth Muscle (ASM). The Alair™ Bronchial Thermoplasty System delivers thermal energy to the airway wall, heating the tissue in a controlled manner in order to reduce ASM mass. The procedure is designed to decrease the ability of the airway to constrict, thereby reducing asthma attack frequency and severity for patients with severe persistent asthma that is not well controlled with medications. BT has been demonstrated in published studies to reduce the number of severe exacerbations and hospital visits, as well as reduce time lost from work, school and other daily activities due to asthmatic symptoms.

The Alair Bronchial Thermoplasty System has been available in the UK since June 2011 and in other European countries since September 2011.

In 2011, Boston Scientific announced long-term clinical data from the Research in Severe Asthma (RISA) Trial, demonstrating that stable lung function is maintained and late clinical complications are absent over a five-year period in patients with severe refractory asthma treated with the Alair Bronchial Thermoplasty System.

About Asthma

Asthma is one of the most common and costly diseases in the world. The prevalence of asthma has grown in recent decades and there is no cure. Asthma affects approximately 30 million people in Europe and an estimated 300 million worldwide. Twenty percent of Europeans with severe persistent asthma cannot control their symptoms despite optimal drug therapy, leading to a high degree of morbidity and mortality.

About NICE

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) is an independent, evidence-based organization that provides recommendations on the use of new and existing medicines and treatments. NICE interventional procedures guidance, developed by an independent committee (IPAC) made up of 25 members with a range of expertise, advises the National Health Service (NHS) on the safety and efficacy of new interventional procedures.

About Boston Scientific

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