Subcutaneous defibrillators now recommended by the 2015 ESC guidelines for the management of patients with ventricular arrhythmias and the prevention of sudden cardiac death

Boston Scientific welcomes the updated ESC guidelines for the management of patients with ventricular arrhythmias and the prevention of sudden cardiac death announced during ESC Congress 2015, the annual meeting of the European Society of Cardiology.

The guidelines now recommend that “subcutaneous defibrillators (S-ICDs) should be considered as an alternative to transvenous defibrillators in patients with an indication for an ICD when pacing therapy for bradycardia support, cardiac resynchronization or antitachycardia pacing is not needed,” with a class of recommendation IIa.[1]

“As the manufacturer of the world’s first and only subcutaneous defibrillator, we are extremely pleased that the updated ESC guidelines have now been published,” said Dr Kenneth Stein, Chief Medical Officer, Rhythm Management, Boston Scientific. “The guidelines recognise the strong clinical science supporting the compelling benefits of a device that can protect a broad range of patients from sudden cardiac death while leaving the heart and vascular system untouched. This represents another important milestone after the launch of EMBLEM™ S-ICD System, the second generation S-ICD, earlier this year.”

Additional information on sudden cardiac death and the EMBLEM S-ICD System can be foundhere.

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1Class IIa definition: “Weight of evidence/opinion is in favour of usefulness/efficacy”, hence the wording “Should be considered”.

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