



Implantica announces launch of 20th RefluxStop® Center of Excellence in Spain, part of a world-renowned US hospital group

Implantica AG (publ.), a medtech company at the forefront of introducing advanced technology into the body, including the innovative RefluxStop® device for the treatment of acid reflux, a treatment field with 1 billion sufferers, establishes a new RefluxStop® Center of Excellence in Spain, MD Anderson Cancer Center Madrid-Hospiten, part of the world-renowned U.S. hospital group MD Anderson Cancer group.

The RefluxStop® procedure was performed by Oscar Alonso MD, PhD, GI Surgical Oncologist and Head of Robotic Gastrointestinal Surgery at MD Anderson Cancer Center Madrid-Hospiten, marking the 20th RefluxStop® center of excellence in Spain. Dr. Daniel Sanchez from H. Univ. Infanta Sofía acted as proctor for the procedure.

MD Anderson Cancer Center Madrid-Hospiten opened in 2000, as the first international location of the world-renowned MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. Since then, this facility has treated over 65,000 patients and offers many non-cancer related surgeries, such as anti-reflux procedures, now including RefluxStop®.

Dr. Alonso said, “We are witnessing a growing paradigm shift in anti-reflux surgery, one that emphasizes restoration of the body’s natural anatomy rather than restricting the esophagus. RefluxStop is at the forefront of this revolution, with recently published 5-year clinical data from a multicenter prospective CE-mark trial^{1, 2} demonstrating an average 90% or greater improvement in GERD-related quality-of-life score across follow-up, which is really impressive. I am very excited to offer RefluxStop and help treat countless of my GERD patients who urgently need an effective surgical treatment they well deserve.”

Inventor of RefluxStop®, CEO and founder of Implantica, Dr. Peter Forsell says, “Having twenty Hospitals in Spain performing the RefluxStop® procedure is a significant achievement, particularly given that only a few years have passed since entering the Spanish market. This milestone highlights the substantial market potential for RefluxStop® driven by strong surgical demand and growing surgeon interest, while reimbursement adoption across Spain continues to gain momentum.”

“MD Anderson Cancer Center Madrid-Hospiten, a part of the very famous hospital group from the U.S., is widely recognized for its steadfast commitment to sustaining and restoring patient quality of life,” Dr. Forsell adds. “With 15% of the population in Spain suffering from GERD³, we strongly believe RefluxStop® can revolutionize patient care as a durable surgical solution for millions of patients in Spain and around the world as we expand globally and make RefluxStop® available in many more countries in the near future.”

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About Implantica

Implantica is a medtech company focused on bringing advanced implantable technologies into the body to improve patient outcomes and quality of life. The company's lead product, RefluxStop®, is a CE-marked implant for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) with the potential to transform the standard of care in anti-reflux surgery, supported by strong long-term clinical outcomes.

In addition to RefluxStop®, Implantica has developed a broad, patent-protected product pipeline partly incorporating two platform technologies: an eHealth platform designed to enable communication with and remote monitoring of implants inside the body, and a wireless energizing platform designed to wirelessly power implantable devices through intact skin. Treatment could be changed remotely, saving cost for society.

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About RefluxStop®

RefluxStop® is a treatment for GERD designed to address the root cause of acid reflux without compressing the food passageway.

Unlike conventional anti-reflux surgical procedures, which typically rely on encircling the esophagus and are often associated with side effects such as swallowing difficulties, inability to belch or vomit, and gas bloating, RefluxStop® restores and maintains the lower esophageal sphincter in its natural anatomical position.

The unique mechanism of action of RefluxStop® is designed to reconstruct the body's natural anti-reflux barrier while preserving normal physiological function, offering the potential for effective reflux control with reduced side effects compared to traditional surgical approaches.

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