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New Technology for Chronic Pain Patients: DOCTORS PAIN CLINIC Is Among First in U.S. to Offer Full-Body MRI-SAFE Neurostimulation Systems

[BOARDMAN, OHIO] Doctors Pain Clinic continues its commitment of pairing first-class patient care with cutting-edge technology and is proud to be among one of the FIRST in the United States to offer full-body MRI-compatible neurostimulation systems.

Patients who receive neurostimulation (also called spinal cord stimulation, or SCS) therapy for chronic, intractable back and/or limb pain are now able to access the benefits of body Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scans at **DOCTORS PAIN CLINIC**, thanks to the latest innovation from Medtronic.



Tracy L. Neuendorf, D.O., FAOCA, Medical Director and Board Certified Pain

Management Specialist at Doctors Pain Clinic now offers RestoreSensor[®]

SureScan[®] MRI with Vectris[®] SureScan[®] MRI leads, one of four full-body MRI-compatible Medtronic neurostimulation systems approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for compatibility with full-body MRI scans under specific conditions of use.

Until now, patients receiving neurostimulation therapy for chronic pain were forced to have their systems removed or denied a full-body MRI scan because of concerns that SCS device would be affected by the powerful magnetic fields and radio frequency (RF) energy generated by MRI machines.

PATIENT SUCCESS: After a work-place injury three years ago left Dannette Antes suffering with severe back pain and a herniated and bulging disc, Antes, a Doctors Pain Clinic patient, had exhausted all of the usual pain management options including injections, medications, and minimally invasive surgery. An X-ray Tech and mother of three from Levittsburg, Ohio was reluctant to consider spinal cord stimulation as an option because she was fearful that she couldn't have an MRI with an implanted device.

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Having the ability to have an MRI was important to her so that her pain management physician could keep tabs on the condition of the herniated and bulging disc which at this time isn't bad enough to require surgical intervention. After learning about Medtronic's new MRI safe spinal cord stimulator system, Antes was the first patient to receive RestoreSensor SureScan MRI with Vectris SureScan MRI leads. Dr. Tracy L. Neuendorf, Medical Director and a board certified pain management specialist at DOCTORS PAIN CLINIC performed the procedure.

"Without access to full-body MRI, a patient could risk delayed diagnosis or inaccurate identification of a serious health condition," said Dr. Tracy L. Neuendorf. "SureScan technology means both physicians and people receiving neurostimulation therapy can feel secure knowing that full-body MRI is a diagnostic option."

How Neurostimulation Works

Medtronic neurostimulation therapy for chronic pain uses a medical device placed under a patient's skin to deliver mild electrical impulses to the spinal cord, which block pain signals from reaching the brain.

Medtronic's neurostimulation systems with SureScan MRI technology and Vectris SureScan MRI percutaneous leads are specially designed to reduce or eliminate the hazards produced by the MRI environment. In addition, a proprietary SureScan programming feature sets the device into an appropriate mode for the MRI environment.

"DOCTORS PAIN CLINIC is proud to offer SureScan MRI technology as the latest innovation for people receiving neurostimulation therapy to manage their chronic pain," said Jennifer T. Kollar, Doctors Pain Clinic's Director, Marketing & Public Relations. Last year, Doctors Pain Clinic was the first pain management center in Ohio to introduce Medtronic's AdaptiveStim technology, another Medtronic, Inc. innovation, which was the first and only chronic pain treatment that harnesses motion sensor technology found in smart phones and computer gaming systems to provide effective pain relief and convenience by automatically adapting stimulation levels to affected areas. "We will continue to advance our world-leading pain solutions to best meet the evolving needs of our chronic pain patients," states Kollar.

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About Doctors Pain Clinic: (www.doctorspainclinic.com) Based in Boardman, Ohio, Doctors Pain Clinic is a multi-disciplined and comprehensive pain management center. A team of highly skilled board certified pain management specialists provide the most advanced and cutting-edge treatment options available for the management of chronic pain in the region. Doctors Pain Clinic's pain management specialists see patients at a variety of locations in Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. In Ohio: Boardman, Warren (St. Joseph Pain Management Center) Salem, Akron/Barberton (Summa Barberton Hospital) and in Western Pennsylvania: Hermitage.