

## First Patient in Portugal Receives Implant of GORE® VIABAHN® VBX Balloon Expandable Endoprosthesis

VBX Stent Graft provides endovascular grafting of peripheral vessels to treat iliac occlusive disease and complex aortic aneurysms

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - XX December 2018** — W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. (Gore) today announced that the first patient implant of the GORE® VIABAHN® VBX Balloon Expandable Endoprosthesis (VBX Stent Graft) occurred in Portugal, successfully restoring blood flow to the patient's iliac artery. The first implant took place in Serviço Cirurgia Vascular de Hospital Senhora Oliveira – Guimaraes by Amilcar Mesquita, MD.

Dr. Mesquita commented, “The VBX Stent Graft’s unique combination of features will allow us to treat a broad range of patients with complex anatomies. The device’s flexibility, radial strength and accuracy were clearly noticeable during my first implants. Additionally, Gore’s clinical data, showing 100 percent restoration of lumen diameter, maintenance of stent length and stent delivery, as well as 96.9 percent primary patency, proves that the device has long-term positive patient outcomes, giving me confidence to use it in my patients.”

The VBX Stent Graft was developed utilizing the small diameter, ePTFE stent graft technology from the GORE® VIABAHN® Endoprosthesis. The VBX Stent Graft is available in a range of diameters from 5 to 11 millimeters and lengths of 15, 19, 29, 39, 59, and 79 millimeters to cover a wide variety of treatment needs in all peripheral vessels, including complex aortic and iliac applications.

Nuria Saavedra, Field Sales Associate, W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. said, “The VBX Stent Graft is the result of collaboration and innovation to meet the challenges and demands of our physician partners who treat iliac occlusive diseases. This technically advanced balloon expandable stent graft demonstrates how we work together with physicians to improve lives. We’re pleased that this device is now available to patients in Portugal and are eager to continue expanding its availability throughout Europe.”

The GORE® VIABAHN® VBX Balloon Expandable Endoprosthesis is CE-marked for endovascular grafting of peripheral vessels, this indication includes the following treatment application:

- Peripheral vessel occlusive disease
- Iatrogenic vessel injuries
- Isolated peripheral aneurysms
- Visceral vessel perfusion required for treatment of iliac and complex aortic aneurysms.

Gore provides a portfolio of peripheral vascular solutions that are designed and tested so physicians can more reliably treat patients with a wide range of challenging peripheral disease presentations and improve those patients’ outcomes. Each interventional solution

is engineered for durability, accuracy, thromboresistance and conformability, and is backed by dedicated service to help improve patient outcomes.

For more information, visit [goremedical.com/eu/products/vbx](http://goremedical.com/eu/products/vbx)

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