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## **AxoGen to Participate at 71st Annual American Society for Surgery of the Hand Meeting**

### **Expanded Role of Nerve Awareness and Repair in 30 Separate Conference Sessions and Presentations**

ALACHUA, Fla., Sept. 15, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- AxoGen, Inc. (NASDAQ:AXGN), a global leader in innovative surgical solutions for peripheral nerve injuries, today announced its participation at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual American Society for Surgery of the Hand Meeting taking place in Austin, Texas from September 29 - October 1, 2016.

AxoGen will sponsor several special programs that support peripheral nerve education and awareness, including the Hand Fellows pre-course program, the 'Women in Hand Surgery' event and a surgeon led symposium - 'Tackling Challenges in Nerve Repair: A Case-Based Discussion'. AxoGen's full portfolio of nerve repair and assessment products will be featured at ASSH Booth #526.

In addition to our education and awareness efforts, the most recent data from the RANGER® Registry, will be presented in the scientific session. The presentation from the RANGER Registry investigators will provide further insight into the role of Avance® Nerve Graft in the reconstruction of upper extremity nerve injuries.

"We are excited to see peripheral nerve repair take such a prominent role in this year's conference with 30 separate presentations," stated Karen Zaderej, AxoGen's President and Chief Executive Officer. "Hand surgeons are often faced with challenging nerve injuries and we are pleased to provide scientific data and clinical discussions in support of the role of AxoGen's portfolio in nerve repair."

AxoGen will also be hosting a Nerve Repair Discussion Event for the investment community on Wednesday, September 28, preceding the ASSH Meeting. The Event will include the presentation of clinical data from clinical thought leaders and a discussion of peripheral nerve repair focusing on surgeon adoption, development of treatment algorithms, and the growing body of clinical evidence.

Key AxoGen sponsored nerve related presentation details for the ASSH Meeting are as follows:

**Friday, September 30, 2016**

**AxoGen Breakfast Symposium: *Tackling Challenges in Nerve Repair: A Case-Based***

## **Discussion**

Invited Faculty: Gregory M. Buncke, MD, Fraser Leversedge, MD, Peter J. Evans, MD, PhD

### **RANGER® Registry Data Presentation**

#### ***Can Processed Nerve Allografts be used to Repair Nerve Injuries Greater than 4 cm for the Return of Critical Function in the Upper Extremity***

Authors: Bauback Safa, MD, Jozef Zoldos, MD, Timothy Niaccaris, MD, PhD, Leon Nesti, MD, PhD, Jason Ko, MD, Gregory M. Buncke, MD

Details for the AxoGen Nerve Repair Discussion Event for the investment community preceding the ASSH Meeting are as follows:

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016**

#### **AxoGen Nerve Repair Discussion Event**

**Location:** Getaway Motor Club; 3700 Thompson St., Austin, Texas 78702

**Time:** 3:30pm to 6:30pm CDT

Participating surgeons: Ivica Ducic, MD PhD, Bauback Safa, MD FACS, Peter Evans, MD PhD FRCS

*Note that this event is an interactive discussion of nerve repair and will not be webcast. Investors who are interested in attending the event can register by email to [AxoGenEvents@troutgroup.com](mailto:AxoGenEvents@troutgroup.com).*

#### **About the RANGER® Study**

The RANGER® Study, A Multicenter Retrospective Study of Avance® Nerve Graft Utilization Evaluations and Outcomes in Peripheral Nerve Injury Repair is an active, multicenter clinical database with 18 contributing centers designed to continuously monitor and collect injury, repair, safety and outcomes data for peripheral nerve injuries repaired with processed nerve allograft (Avance® Nerve Graft), nerve autograft and synthetic tubes. As of July 2016, the study included more than 900 nerve repairs enrolled across 18 centers and 48 surgeons. The RANGER® Study is an AxoGen sponsored ongoing open label registry study. Each patient outcome is dependent upon the nature and extent of nerve loss or damage, timing between nerve loss and repair and the natural course of the patient's recovery. Results presented at the ASSH meeting may not represent typical clinical outcomes for individual patients.

#### **About ASSH 2016**

The American Society for Surgery of the Hand is the oldest and most prestigious medical society dedicated to the hand and upper extremity. Its mission is to advance the science and practice of hand and upper extremity surgery through education, research and advocacy on behalf of patients and practitioners. For more information, please visit <https://www.assh.org/>.

#### **About AxoGen**

AxoGen (AXGN) is a global leader in innovative surgical solutions for peripheral nerve injuries. AxoGen's portfolio of products includes Avance® Nerve Graft, an off-the-shelf processed human nerve allograft for bridging severed nerves without the comorbidities associated with a second surgical site, AxoGuard® Nerve Connector, a porcine submucosa extracellular matrix ("ECM") coaptation aid for tensionless repair of severed nerves, and AxoGuard® Nerve Protector, a porcine submucosa ECM product used to wrap and protect injured peripheral nerves and reinforce the nerve reconstruction while minimizing soft tissue attachments. Along with these core surgical products, AxoGen also offers AxoTouch™ Two-

Point Discriminator and AcroVal™ Neurosensory & Motor Testing System. These evaluation and measurement tools assist healthcare professionals in detecting changes in sensation, assessing return of sensory, grip and pinch function, evaluating effective treatment interventions, and providing feedback to patients on nerve function. The AxoGen portfolio of products is available in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and several European and international countries.

#### Cautionary Statements Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

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