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**Cardiac Solutions Implements the LATITUDE® Patient Management System to  
Provide Remote Device Follow-ups and Monitoring between Office Visits**

(Peoria, AZ) Cardiac Solutions, an eight physician cardiology practice in Peoria and Sun City West, is pleased to announce that they have implemented the LATITUDE Patient Management System. This system remotely manages device patients implanted with Boston Scientific cardiac resynchronization defibrillators (CRT-D) or implantable cardiac defibrillators (ICD). Currently Cardiac Solutions has over 200 patients on the system, which allows the group's clinicians to receive information from a patient's device through a secure website.

Dr. Sethi, an Electrophysiologist with Cardiac Solutions says, "We are pleased to offer this technology to our patients. The LATITUDE system helps us provide a higher level of care because we can monitor our device patients between office visits."

The LATITUDE Patient Management system monitors the patient's ICD or CRT-D by gathering information through the use of the LATITUDE Communicator, a small piece of equipment that sits in the patient's home and connects to a standard phone jack. The functions performed by the Communicator include:

- Checking device battery status
- Checking device lead status
- Checking device settings
- Notifying the doctor if certain conditions are detected

Once the Communicator has gathered information during the remote device check or follow-up, it sends the data to a secure website, accessible only by the patient's healthcare team at Cardiac Solutions.

The LATITUDE Patient Management system offers cardiac device patients and families the convenience of regularly scheduled remote follow-ups and remote monitoring from the comfort of home with fewer in-clinic visits. At the same time, patients enjoy increased peace of mind and the assurance that their doctor can monitor specific device information and their heart health.

Boston Scientific has enrolled nearly 120,000 patients on the LATITUDE Patient Management system since its introduction in 2006, making it the most rapidly-adopted remote cardiac device monitoring system in the industry. The LATITUDE system allows physicians to schedule remote check-ups of implantable cardiac devices to monitor specific device information and patient heart health status. It can also detect clinical events between scheduled follow-up visits and send relevant data directly to physicians.

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