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Global Spine Initiative Selected to Participate in FDA Total Product Life Cycle Advisory Program (TAP) Pilot

TAMPA, Fla., March 9, 2026 — The Global Spine Initiative (GSI) is pleased to announce that it has been welcomed into the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) Total Product Life Cycle Advisory Program (TAP) Pilot as a non-FDA party.

This designation reflects GSI's growing role in advancing collaboration across the spine care continuum and contributing meaningful cross-specialty perspective to discussions that influence the development, evaluation, and real-world adoption of innovative technologies. The FDA TAP Pilot is designed to bring regulators, clinicians, and other stakeholders together earlier in the development process to help guide promising medical technologies toward safe, effective, and timely patient access.

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GSI is co-chaired by Reginald Davis, MD, a board-certified, fellowship-trained neurosurgeon, and Anthony Giuffrida, MD, a board-certified, fellowship-trained interventional spine specialist, reflecting the organization's commitment to cross-specialty leadership and strategic alignment across the spine care continuum. Doug Beall, MD, an interventional musculoskeletal radiologist and pain management specialist, serves as leader of the GSI TAP program, providing leadership for the organization's participation in the FDA Total Product Life Cycle Advisory Program Pilot.

Participation in the TAP Pilot aligns with GSI's commitment to fostering thoughtful, solutions-oriented dialogue around innovation in spine care. As new technologies continue to emerge and the treatment landscape becomes increasingly complex, GSI remains focused on helping address the clinical, evidentiary, and practical considerations that shape adoption, access, and outcomes.

In addition to its broader mission, GSI continues to create opportunities for meaningful dialogue across the field. Through initiatives such as **Think Tank 2.0**, an invite-only meeting that convenes spine leaders alongside select industry participants, GSI is helping facilitate strategic discussion around innovation, care pathways, and the future of spine medicine.

GSI has also expanded its reach through broader professional engagement, including a forum with North American Spine Society (NASS) focused on cross-specialty collaboration and the importance of aligning expertise, education, and patient-centered decision-making in spine care.

“GSI was established to help advance a more coordinated and forward-looking approach to spine care,” said Dr. Beall. “Our inclusion in the TAP Pilot underscores the value of cross-specialty engagement in helping innovators navigate the broader clinical and real-world considerations that influence whether meaningful technologies ultimately reach patients.”

GSI believes innovation alone is not enough to transform care. Meaningful progress also requires collaboration among physicians, healthcare leaders, innovators, and other stakeholders who understand the complexities of evidence generation, care delivery, training, and implementation. By convening experts across the field, GSI works to strengthen communication, support evidence-based decision-making, and encourage more integrated approaches to spine care.

As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, GSI will continue its work to elevate dialogue, encourage collaboration, and help shape the future of spine care through initiatives that address critical issues across the continuum of treatment.

About the Global Spine Initiative

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