



# Anika Reports Topline Results from U.S. Pivotal FastTRACK Phase III Study for Hyalofast® Cartilage Repair Scaffold and Provides Program Update

*Hyalofast consistently demonstrated improvements over microfracture, but missed on statistical significance of the pre-specified co-primary endpoints of percent change in KOOS Pain and IKDC function*

*Hyalofast showed statistically significant improvements over microfracture in pre-defined secondary endpoints and other measures that align with prior FDA approvals for cartilage repair products*

*Hyalofast has been used to treat over 35,000 patients in more than 35 countries outside the U.S since 2009; data from independent studies performed outside the U.S. will be filed with FDA submission*

*Based on the totality of the data, Anika plans to file the final PMA module in H2 2025*

**Bedford, Mass., July 30, 2025** – Anika Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: ANIK), a global leader in osteoarthritis pain management and regenerative solutions, today announced topline results from its U.S. pivotal clinical trial of Hyalofast, a resorbable, hyaluronic acid scaffold used in conjunction with autologous bone marrow aspirate concentrate (BMAC) for cartilage repair. Enrollment for this trial was completed in 2023 and the results announced today follow the recently completed, evaluator-blinded two-year follow-up period post-treatment.

The FastTRACK study, started in 2015, is a prospective, randomized, active treatment-controlled evaluator-blinded multicenter study to establish superiority of Hyalofast with autologous BMAC in the treatment of articular knee cartilage defect lesions in comparison to a microfracture control (an active comparator). Superiority between the groups was to be determined with two pre-specified co-primary endpoints: percent change from baseline to two years in both Knee injury and Osteoarthritis Outcomes Score (KOOS) pain and International Knee Documentation Committee (IKDC) Subjective Knee Evaluation Score (a measure of function).

While Hyalofast demonstrated consistent improvements in treated patients across all measures of pain and function relative to microfracture, the study did not meet its pre-specified co-primary endpoints. The study was likely impacted by both a higher subject dropout rate in the microfracture arm and missed visits during COVID. This resulted in missing data, which reduced the evaluable sample size and complicated the statistical analysis. Hyalofast exhibited a comparable safety profile when compared to microfracture following the initial effects of the differences in surgical procedure, supporting a favorable benefit-risk profile for Hyalofast.

Based on the totality of the clinical data the company has collected on Hyalofast, Anika plans to file the final PMA module by the end of the year. Hyalofast showed statistically significant improvements in key pre-defined secondary endpoints including KOOS Sports and Recreation Function, and Quality of Life. In addition, Hyalofast demonstrated statistically significant improvement in Total KOOS, a composite pain and function measure. These additional measures have supported prior FDA approvals for cartilage repair products. Hyalofast has been used outside the U.S. to successfully treat more than 35,000 patients since its launch in 2009 and is currently available in more than 35 countries. Hyalofast has demonstrated a favorable safety and effectiveness profile from this real-world clinical experience across multiple independent studies performed outside the U.S. including positive 15-year outcomes published last year.

“While we are disappointed that the co-primary endpoints were not achieved under the original statistical framework, we are encouraged by the consistency and robustness of our results on pain and function measures including achieving significance on measures used for prior FDA cartilage repair approvals and the published global evidence supporting the safety and effectiveness of Hyalofast. We believe the totality of evidence presented in this study and the data from outside the U.S. demonstrates the true clinical value of Hyalofast, a single stage procedure, for patients

who suffer from cartilage lesions in the knee,” said Cheryl Blanchard, President and CEO of Anika Therapeutics.

Anika plans to file the third and final PMA module in the second half of 2025 and seek approval from the FDA. The third module will include ongoing additional post-hoc analyses including consideration of additional endpoints previously accepted by the FDA for cartilage repair product approvals. Anika expects that the FDA will consider these additional post-hoc analyses and the additional data from outside the U.S. as part of its review of the PMA submission under its Breakthrough Device Designation, but whether these analyses are sufficient to support approval will be a review issue.

### **About Hyalofast**

Hyalofast is Anika’s single-stage, off-the-shelf, resorbable, hyaluronic acid scaffold for cartilage repair. It supports the regeneration of hyaline-like cartilage and is currently marketed in over 35 countries outside the US, with multiple clinical trials demonstrating its safety and effectiveness. Hyalofast has been designated as a breakthrough device by the FDA, allowing prioritized interaction and review.

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