



Anika Announces Plans to Showcase HYALOFAST at the International Cartilage Regeneration and Joint Preservation Society (ICRS) Summit in San Diego

BEDFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 16, 2019-- [Anika Therapeutics, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: ANIK), a global, integrated orthopedic and regenerative medicines company specializing in therapeutics based on its proprietary [hyaluronic acid \("HA"\) technology](#), today announced plans to showcase [HYALOFAST](#), a biodegradable, HA-based cartilage repair scaffold, at the 2019 International Cartilage Repair Society (ICRS) Summit. The 2019 ICRS Summit, which will be focused on Bio-Orthopaedics in Sports Medicine, will be held in San Diego, CA at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay on January 17-18, 2019.

At the 2019 ICRS Summit, Dr. Alberto Gobbi, world-renowned specialist in arthroscopic surgery, cartilage repair and regenerative medicine, will present findings from a 10-year follow-up study of patients treated with HYALOFAST HA scaffold with Bone Marrow Aspirate Concentrate (BMAC) in a one-step surgery. The session will also provide a comparative review of HYALOFAST in comparison to ACI (Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation) and MACI (Matrix Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation), two-step surgeries requiring cell cultivation.

"The ICRS Summit in San Diego is a great opportunity to showcase the significant advantages of HYALOFAST before an assembly of world-renowned specialists in the field of cartilage repair and regeneration," said Joseph Darling, President and CEO, Anika Therapeutics. "We believe that HYALOFAST is a truly remarkable advancement in the treatment of cartilage injuries and defects due to its flexible, minimally-invasive means of application and adaptive fit to individual patient needs."

HYALOFAST is a non-woven, single-step, off-the-shelf, biodegradable HA-based scaffold for hyaline-like cartilage regeneration to treat cartilage injuries and defects. HYALOFAST is commercially available in approximately 15 countries and has been used to successfully treat more than 15,000 patients internationally, with strong ten-year patient follow-up data. HYALOFAST is pending regulatory submission in the United States following its FastTRACK Phase III trial which is currently enrolling patients across the U.S. and Europe.

Technical Session 3: Cartilage

Title: "One or Two Steps: Long Term Results"

Presenter: Dr. Alberto Gobbi, OASI Bioresearch Foundation, Milano - Italy

Date/Time: January 17, 2019 at 10:45 - 11:40am

Company-Sponsored Booth

Anika will be a Gold Sponsor and will host a booth (#6), where it will showcase HYALOFAST.

About ICRS

The [ICRS](#) (International Cartilage Regeneration and Joint Preservation Society) is the main forum for international collaboration in cartilaginous tissue research that brings together basic scientists, clinical researchers, physicians and members of industry, engaged or interested in the field of articular biology, its genetic basis and regenerative medicine. It provides continuing education and training to physicians and scientists with an active interest in the prevention and treatment of joint disease to improve patient care through regenerative medicine approaches.

2018 HYALOFAST Publications

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About Anika Therapeutics, Inc.

[Anika Therapeutics, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: ANIK) is a global, integrated orthopedic and regenerative medicines company based in Bedford, Massachusetts. Anika is committed to improving the lives of patients with degenerative orthopedic diseases and traumatic conditions with clinically meaningful therapies along the continuum of care, from palliative pain management to regenerative tissue repair. The Company has over two decades of global expertise developing, manufacturing, and commercializing more than 20 products based on its proprietary [hyaluronic acid \(HA\) technology](#). Anika's orthopedic medicine portfolio includes [ORTHOVISC®](#), [MONOVISC®](#), and [CINGAL®](#), which alleviate pain and restore joint function by replenishing depleted HA, and [HYALOFAST](#), a solid HA-based scaffold to aid cartilage repair and regeneration. For more information about Anika, please visit www.anikatherapeutics.com.

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