



PRESS RELEASE

ONWARD Medical Announces First Implant in New Clinical Feasibility Study Evaluating ARC-IM System to Restore Mobility After Spinal Cord Injury

- *The EIGER study will assess the safety and preliminary effectiveness of the investigational ARC-IM® System to restore mobility after both subacute and chronic spinal cord injury*
- *ARC-IM is an implanted neuromodulation platform designed to deliver targeted and personalized spinal cord stimulation*
- *EIGER is the first ONWARD mobility study to include individuals with subacute spinal cord injuries, defined as injuries sustained within 6 weeks of enrollment*

Eindhoven, the Netherlands — September 3, 2026 — ONWARD Medical N.V. (Euronext: ONWD and US OTCQX: ONWRY), the neurotechnology company pioneering spinal cord stimulation therapies to restore movement, function, and independence, today announces the first implant in the EIGER clinical feasibility study evaluating the investigational ARC-IM® System for restoring mobility in people with subacute or chronic spinal cord injury (SCI).

The EIGER study is a new clinical feasibility study designed to assess the safety and preliminary effectiveness of the ARC-IM System to support and promote recovery of standing and walking after spinal cord injury. The study will enroll up to 12 participants across two cohorts: individuals with subacute SCI who sustained an injury less than six weeks before enrollment, and individuals with chronic SCI who sustained an injury more than one year before enrollment. The study is being conducted in Switzerland at the Schweizer Paraplegiker-Zentrum (SPZ) in Nottwil and at the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois (CHUV) in Lausanne. The first procedure was performed at CHUV under the direction of Jocelyne Bloch, MD, Chief of Neurosurgery at CHUV. EIGER is supported by a grant from Innosuisse.

"The EIGER study is an important next step in our drive to restore mobility after spinal cord injury," said Dave Marver, CEO of ONWARD Medical. "We intend for this study to inform the design of a pivotal study that will enable us to bring this important new therapy to market for the benefit of those with SCI and other movement disabilities."

The Company's ARC-IM System comprises the implanted ONWARD Neurostimulator (IPG) and the ARC-IM Lumbar Lead, designed to precisely activate spinal circuits involved in lower-limb and trunk movement to facilitate the recovery of motor function after SCI.



The Company is developing the ARC-IM platform across multiple indications in SCI and adjacent movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease. The ARC-IM System is currently being evaluated in the Empower BP global pivotal study for its initial indication to address blood pressure instability after SCI. To be kept informed about ONWARD's technologies, research studies, and the availability of therapies in your area, please [complete this webform](#).

About ONWARD Medical

ONWARD Medical is the leading neurotechnology company pioneering therapies to restore movement, function, and independence in people with spinal cord injuries (SCI) and other movement disabilities. Building on decades of scientific discovery, preclinical research, and clinical studies conducted at leading hospitals, rehabilitation clinics, and neuroscience laboratories, the Company developed its proprietary ARC Therapy. It has subsequently been awarded 10 Breakthrough Device Designations from the FDA. The Company's ARC EX[®] System is cleared for commercial sale in the US and Europe. The Company is also developing an investigational implantable system called ARC-IM[®], designed to address several unmet needs including blood pressure instability after spinal cord injury. It can also be paired with a brain-computer interface (BCI) and artificial intelligence (AI) to restore thought-driven movement.

Headquartered in the Netherlands, the Company has a Science and Engineering Center in Switzerland and a US office in Boston, Massachusetts. The Company is listed on Euronext Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam (ticker: ONWD) and its US ADRs can be traded on OTCQX (ticker: ONWRY).

To learn more about ONWARD Medical's commitment to partnering with the spinal cord injury community to develop innovative solutions for restoring movement, function, and independence after spinal cord injury, please visit [ONWD.com](https://onwd.com).

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