

# ONWARD Medical Ranks in Top 15 Percent Globally for Corporate Sustainability

*EcoVadis silver medal recognizes Company's environmental and social impact*

*Demonstrates ongoing commitment to integrating sustainable business practices*

EINDHOVEN, the Netherlands — December 12, 2024 — ONWARD Medical N.V. (Euronext: ONWD), the medical technology company creating innovative spinal cord stimulation therapies to restore movement, function, and independence in people with spinal cord injury (SCI), today announces it has been awarded a silver medal by EcoVadis, the world's largest provider of business sustainability ratings. The award places ONWARD Medical in the top 15% of companies assessed by EcoVadis in the past 12 months.

The EcoVadis assessment evaluates 20+ sustainability criteria across four core themes: Environment, Labor & Human Rights, Ethics, and Sustainable Procurement. More than 130,000 companies globally have been rated by EcoVadis.

ONWARD Medical's sustainability strategy is centered on five core principles that support nine United Nations Sustainable Development Goals<sup>1</sup> (SDGs):

- Minimizing our environmental footprint (SDGs 12 and 13)
- Innovating for the underserved (SDGs 3, 9, and 10)
- Partnering with patient groups (SDGs 3, 9, and 10)
- Maintaining high ethical standards (SDG 16)
- Attracting and retaining top talent (SDGs 4, 5, and 8)

"Earning the EcoVadis silver medal validates our commitment across all critical sustainability measures - from environmental stewardship to ethical labor practices," said CEO Dave Marver. "As we pioneer new treatments for spinal cord injury, we're demonstrating that medical innovation and corporate responsibility can go hand in hand."

The Company's Annual Sustainability Summary for the full year 2023 is available on the Company website in the Investors section. Please [click here](#) to access the Summary.

To learn more about ONWARD Medical's commitment to partnering with the SCI 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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<sup>1</sup> United Nations. "The 17 Sustainable Development Goals." UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs – Sustainable Development. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

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## **About ONWARD Medical**

ONWARD Medical is a medical technology company creating therapies to restore movement, function, and independence in people with spinal cord injury (SCI) and movement disabilities. Building on more than a decade of scientific discovery, preclinical, and clinical research conducted at leading hospitals, rehabilitation clinics, and neuroscience laboratories, the Company has developed ARC Therapy, which has been awarded ten Breakthrough Device Designations from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

ONWARD ARC Therapy is targeted, programmed spinal cord stimulation designed to be delivered by the Company's external ARC-EX or implantable ARC-IM platforms. ARC Therapy can also be delivered by the Company's ARC-BCI platform, which pairs the ARC-IM System with brain-computer interface (BCI) technology to restore movement after SCI with thought-driven control.

Use of non-invasive ARC-EX Therapy significantly improved upper limb function after SCI in the global pivotal Up-LIFT trial, with results published by Nature Medicine in May 2024. The Company has submitted its regulatory application to the FDA for clearance of the ARC-EX System in the US, and is preparing for regulatory submission in Europe. In parallel, the Company is conducting clinical studies with its ARC-IM Therapy, which demonstrated positive interim clinical outcomes for improved blood pressure regulation following SCI. Other ongoing clinical studies focus on using ARC-IM Therapy to address mobility after SCI and gait challenges in Parkinson's disease, as well as using the ARC-BCI platform to restore thought-driven movement of both upper and lower limbs after SCI.

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).

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