



## K2M and International Spine Study Group Foundation Collaborate to Advance Data Management Using BACS®

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### BACS digital platform partnership furthers patient data collection efforts to help improve treatment of spinal pathologies

LEESBURG, Va., Feb. 26, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [K2M Group Holdings, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:KTWO) (the "Company" or "K2M"), a global leader of complex spine and minimally invasive solutions focused on achieving three-dimensional Total Body Balance™, today announced the licensure of its [BACS® Data Management](#) tool to the [International Spine Study Group Foundation \(ISSGF\)](#) for collecting spine patient data, including patient reported outcome measures (PROMs), as part of the ISSGF's globally recognized research studies.

BACS Data Management is K2M's cloud-based data collection and operative reporting system to track outcome metrics on surgical and non-surgical spine patients. These patients use tablets to report symptoms throughout their full episode of care, and surgeons can seamlessly input and analyze diagnostic data, surgical information, and radiographic imagery to better determine treatment specific to each patient.

"On behalf of the ISSGF, I am pleased that K2M's BACS Data Management system will support our vision of translating clinical research into care of patients with many different spinal pathologies," said Shay Bess, MD, founder and president of the ISSGF. "Effectively collecting and assessing clinical data is an important aspect for not only tracking patient outcomes, but also for identifying the most effective treatment options. K2M is an innovation leader in spine care and we are excited to partner with them in this effort."

The ISSGF is a group of approximately 30 surgeons from around the world dedicated to the advancement of treatment for adults with spinal deformity. Members of the ISSGF practice at sites across the United States, Canada, and Japan, combining efforts to produce meaningful, cutting-edge research with the goal of advancing the evaluation, treatment, and outcomes for adult spinal deformity. The members constantly analyze the clinical applications of their research, working to put their findings into the context of improved patient care and outcomes. The ISSGF has presented more than 900 abstracts and published more than 200 manuscripts since the foundation was formed in 2010.

"K2M and the International Spine Study Group Foundation share a common belief—that advancements in spinal surgery increasingly come from technologies that let surgeons put the entire patient journey at the heart of treatment," said K2M Chairman, President, and CEO Eric Major. "K2M continues to offer solutions to address the ever-changing healthcare landscape; K2M's BACS Data Management allows the ISSGF to effectively and efficiently collect patient data as they develop predictive analytics models to help physicians tailor treatment approaches specific to each patient's pathology."

BACS Data Management is part of K2M's comprehensive Balance ACS® (BACS) platform, which applies three-dimensional solutions across the entire clinical care continuum to help drive quality outcomes in spine patients. BACS provides solutions to help surgeons achieve balance of the spine by addressing each anatomical vertebral segment with a 360-degree approach to the axial, coronal, and sagittal planes, emphasizing Total Body Balance as an important component of surgical success.

For more information on K2M, visit [www.K2M.com](http://www.K2M.com). For more information on Balance ACS, visit [www.BACS.com](http://www.BACS.com).

#### About K2M

K2M Group Holdings, Inc. is a global leader of complex spine and minimally invasive solutions focused on achieving three-dimensional Total Body Balance. Since its inception, K2M has designed, developed, and commercialized innovative complex spine and minimally invasive spine technologies and techniques used by spine surgeons to treat some of the most complicated spinal pathologies. K2M has leveraged these core competencies into [Balance ACS](#), a platform of products, services, and research to help surgeons achieve three-dimensional spinal balance across the axial, coronal, and sagittal planes, with the goal of supporting the full continuum of care to facilitate quality patient outcomes. The Balance ACS platform, in combination with the Company's technologies, techniques and leadership in the 3D-printing of spinal devices, enable K2M to compete favorably in the global spinal surgery market. For more information, visit [www.K2M.com](http://www.K2M.com) and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

#### Forward-Looking Statements

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to meet demand; our ability to strengthen our brand; fluctuations in insurance cost and availability; our ability to comply with extensive governmental regulation within the United States and foreign jurisdictions; our ability to maintain or obtain regulatory approvals and clearances within the United States and foreign jurisdictions; voluntary corrective actions by us or our distribution or other business partners or agency enforcement actions; recalls or serious safety issues with our products; enforcement actions by regulatory agencies for improper marketing or promotion; misuse or off-label use of our products; delays or failures in clinical trials and results of clinical trials; legal restrictions on our procurement, use, processing, manufacturing or distribution of allograft bone tissue; negative publicity concerning methods of tissue recovery and screening of donor tissue; costs and liabilities relating to environmental laws and regulations; our failure or the failure of our agents to comply with fraud and abuse laws; U.S. legislative or Food and Drug Administration regulatory reforms; adverse effects of medical device tax provisions; potential tax changes in jurisdictions in which we conduct business; our ability to generate significant sales; potential fluctuations in sales volumes and our results of operations over the course of the year; uncertainty in future capital needs and availability of capital to meet our needs; our level of indebtedness and the availability of borrowings under our credit facility; restrictive covenants and the impact of other provisions in the indenture governing our convertible senior notes and our credit facility; continuing worldwide economic instability; our ability to protect our intellectual property rights; patent litigation and product liability lawsuits; damages relating to trade secrets or non-competition or non-solicitation agreements; risks associated with operating internationally; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; our ability to comply with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and similar laws; our ability to implement and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting; potential volatility in our stock price; our lack of current plans to pay cash dividends; increased costs and additional regulations and requirements as a result of no longer qualifying as an emerging growth company as of December 31, 2017; potential dilution by the future issuances of additional common stock in connection with our incentive plans, acquisitions or otherwise; anti-takeover provisions in our organizational documents and our ability to issue preferred stock without shareholder approval; potential limits on our ability to use our net operating loss carryforwards; and other risks and uncertainties, including those described under the section entitled "Risk Factors" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC and our Quarterly Report filed with the SEC on November 1, 2017, as such factors may be updated from time to time in our periodic filings with the SEC, which are accessible on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause actual outcomes or results to differ materially from those indicated in these statements. These factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included in this release and our filings with the SEC.

We operate in a very competitive and challenging environment. New risks and uncertainties emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all risks and uncertainties that could have an impact on the forward-looking statements contained in this release. We cannot assure you that the results, events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will be achieved or occur, and actual results, events or circumstances could differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements made in this press release relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as required by law. We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements and you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Unless specifically stated otherwise, our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures, investments or other strategic transactions we may make.

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