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## **Vascular Flow Technologies announces strengthening of US team with the appointment of Dr Barbara Bunger as Chief Clinical Officer**

**Dundee, UK, 4 February, 2015** – **Vascular Flow Technologies**, the medical device company using proprietary Spiral Laminar Flow (SLF™) technology to replicate natural blood flow for enhanced patient outcomes, today announces the appointment of Dr Barbara Bunger as Chief Clinical Officer.

Barbara, who holds a Doctorate in Health Science, will oversee the development of clinical and health economic evidence supporting the adoption of SLF™ prosthetic vascular grafts, and brings an extensive repertoire of experience in clinical affairs including regulatory submission, clinical operations and clinical trial development to the company. She has previously led Clinical Trial Operations for Medtronic and developed clinical, regulatory and quality strategies for Si-Bone.

The appointment follows a consolidation of US operations, which has included the appointment of Larry Hayes to the position of Chief Commercial Officer. Larry will continue to serve as President of the company, a role in which he established the strategic direction for two distinct markets (AV Access and Peripheral Vascular) in the US.

Bill Allan, CEO of Vascular Flow Technologies said: “Barbara’s appointment brings considerable expertise to the company, and strengthens the senior team in the US. She will be responsible for overseeing the development of the evidence base supporting Spiral Laminar Flow, and expediting our exposure to both clinicians and payors in this market.”

The US is an important territory for Vascular Flow Technologies. In 2014, the company announced the appointment of a national sales team, presented data at the 2014 VEITHsymposium showing a 30% increase in one-year success rates for vascular bypass surgery and dramatic reduction in amputations, and opened a US-based registry for Spiral Flow™ arteriovenous (AV) grafts in haemodialysis access.

Dr Bunger commented: “Vascular Flow Technologies has a growing body of evidence showing improved clinical outcomes for patients receiving SLF™ grafts and I am delighted to be joining the company at such an exciting stage of its development.”

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## **Notes to Editors**

### **About Vascular Flow Technologies**

Vascular Flow Technologies is a leading innovator focused on the research, development and commercialisation of devices to improve blood flow in compromised or diseased blood vessels utilising its proprietary Spiral Laminar Flow™ (SLF™) technology. Natural blood flow has a distinctive singular spiral flow pattern and the patented SLF™ technology is the only clinically-proven design to replicate this.

VFT has two CE marked and FDA approved devices commercialised in Europe and the US, the Spiral Flow™ peripheral bypass (PV) graft and the Spiral Flow™ arteriovenous access (AV) graft. The SLF™ technology is used to create a longer lasting graft or stent, producing a better quality of life for the patient due to reduced vascular complications and improved longevity of the implant. VFT is a privately held company with headquarters in Dundee, UK.

Further information is available at [www.vascular-flow.com](http://www.vascular-flow.com).

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