

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Non-contact leg measurement: LEGREADER XT5

**Winterthur, October 27, 2014 – In the year of its 150th anniversary, SIGVARIS opens up the market of three-dimensional leg measurement. The Legreader XT5 creates a profile of the legs without touching them and determines the most effective compression stocking size – within a very short measuring time.**

In Switzerland, one in five women and one in six men suffer from venous disorders. Compression therapy is a cornerstone in the treatment of these disorders. When properly fitted, compression garments are free from side effects and alleviate symptoms such as pain and discomfort in the legs. By taking accurate measurements, it is ensured that compression stockings fit perfectly and a controlled degressive pressure pattern is guaranteed. The Legreader XT5 provides an easy, quick and straightforward way to measure legs. Deep infrared sensors scan the leg while the software analyzes the data and creates a 3D model. Within a few seconds, the leg is measured from foot to knee or up to the hip, according to the individual needs. To rule out errors, the device re-measures five times and compares the results – all in a very short period of time.

Since the measurements are taken by means of deep infrared sensors, the process is absolutely safe and therefore also suitable for measuring during pregnancy. Patient data are saved locally and can be retrieved at any time.

The Legreader XT5 is already in use for test purposes at Sanbeck in Winterthur and at Bente Orthopädie & Rehatechnik in Buchs. As from November 5, it will also be available at Becker AG Orthopädie- und Sanitätsgeschäft in Zurich. Additional locations are planned.

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## **About SIGVARIS**

SIGVARIS celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2014. The Swiss company can look back at a successful track record as it moves continuously towards the future, in keeping with its motto “Every day a step further”.

The Swiss company SIGVARIS, 100% family-owned since it was founded, is the global market leader in the manufacture of medical compression stockings. The company was established in 1864 in Winterthur. For around 100 years, SIGVARIS produced “rubber-elastic textiles”, which it sold both in Switzerland and abroad. From 1958 to 1960 the company collaborated with Dr. Karl Sigg to develop a medical compression stocking to improve venous function and relieve venous-related conditions. The product portfolio was expanded in 2009 when the WELL BEING and SPORTS lines were added to the main MEDICAL line. WELL BEING stockings have a preventive function and relieve the early symptoms of leg conditions while SPORTS products improve athlete performance and recovery time. Today SIGVARIS has 240 employees in Switzerland and its customers include pharmacies, chemists, orthopaedic and medical specialist stores as well as doctors and hospitals.

## **SIGVARIS Group**

The Winterthur-based group has 1,400 employees worldwide and incorporates its own quality-guaranteed production plants in Switzerland, France, Brazil and the US as well as wholly-owned subsidiaries in Germany, Austria, UK, Canada, China, Australia, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates. These supply around 70 countries globally. SIGVARIS Group pursues an international growth strategy, which is driven by successful leverage of core competencies, strengthening of the WELL BEING and SPORTS lines and continuous expansion of its international presence. The Group produced about 8 million pairs of stockings in 2014 and generated revenue of around CHF 250 million.