



## “Learn & share” at the 7<sup>th</sup> FITBONE<sup>®</sup> User Meeting in Barcelona

**Information on recent technological advances in connection with FITBONE<sup>®</sup>, the intramedullary lengthening nail, an interactive workshop on holistic surgical planning and a chance for surgeons and distributors to share experiences: these were the highlights of the 7<sup>th</sup> FITBONE<sup>®</sup> User Meeting in Barcelona (Spain) from October 20 to 23, 2016.**

The FITBONE<sup>®</sup> User Meeting was organized by WITTENSTEIN intens GmbH, which not only manufactures FITBONE<sup>®</sup> but also initiated the Center of Excellence (COE) concept – a network of qualified surgeons specialized in leg lengthening and extremity correction with the lengthening nail.

### International participants, interesting agenda

The invitation was accepted by experts from all over Europe: one particular highlight on the agenda was an interactive planning workshop on the Reverse Planning Method (RPM) developed by Professor R. Baumgart, which proved to be a valuable source of information, ideas and instructions for preoperative planning upfront of FITBONE<sup>®</sup> procedures. The User Meeting also included presentations on new treatment options for various pathological conditions with the FITBONE<sup>®</sup> as well as tips and tricks for this kind of operation. WITTENSTEIN intens then demonstrated a series of improvements to make the treatment even more patient friendly. This unique opportunity for physicians to share their experiences both with actual FITBONE<sup>®</sup> procedures and with specific treatment and healing processes using this minimally invasive technique was a major factor contributing to the success of the event for all concerned.

### Plans already underway for the 8<sup>th</sup> FITBONE<sup>®</sup> User Meeting

WITTENSTEIN intens has already begun planning the next FITBONE<sup>®</sup> User Meeting in 2017. It will be held at the Center of Excellence Stockholm (Sweden) and led by Dr. Stephanie Böhm and Dr. Henrik Lundblad.

### **FITBONE<sup>®</sup>: Highest-quality leg lengthening and extremity correction treatment**

FITBONE<sup>®</sup> is a fully implantable system for leg lengthening that combines uncomplicated and largely painless treatment involving little risk of infection

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High-tech products made by WITTENSTEIN fly into space and win Formula One races. Intelligent drive systems – from the world's smallest high-performance servo drive to the latest state of the art in medical technology – are developed, produced and marketed by a team of around 2000 employees. With a blend of dedication and enthusiasm, we set benchmarks – every day – worldwide.



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with perfect cosmetic results. In addition to these specific FITBONE® benefits, proper qualification of the surgeon in leg lengthening based on this method is crucial – alongside the dialog which takes place within the Center of Excellence (COE) network set up by WITTENSTEIN intens – not only for successful operations but also for patient acceptance worldwide.

Find out more about WITTENSTEIN intens and FITBONE® on [www.wittenstein-intens.com](http://www.wittenstein-intens.com)

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#### **WITTENSTEIN intens GmbH**

Intelligent implants based on miniaturized drive technology are the main focus of WITTENSTEIN intens' activities. To take just one example: FITBONE® is the world's only motorized, controllable and fully implantable intramedullary distraction nail for lengthening human limbs. It is used to correct leg length discrepancies and carry out axial and torsional corrections. This mechatronic system facilitates an economical treatment concept characterized by a high level of patient comfort as well as short hospitalization and therapy periods. WITTENSTEIN intens GmbH is one of eight Business Units of WITTENSTEIN SE.

#### **WITTENSTEIN SE – one with the future**

With around 2000 employees worldwide and sales of €302 million in 2015/16, WITTENSTEIN SE enjoys an impeccable reputation for innovation, precision and excellence in the field of mechatronic drive technology – not just in Germany but internationally. The group comprises eight pacesetting Business Units with separate subsidiaries for servo gearheads, servo actuator systems, medical technology, miniature servo units, innovative gearing technology, rotary and linear actuator systems, nano technology and electronic and software components for drive technologies. Through its 60 or so subsidiaries and agents in approximately 40 countries, WITTENSTEIN SE ([www.wittenstein.de](http://www.wittenstein.de)) is additionally represented in all the world's major technology and sales markets.

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