



Clinical Data, Inc. Launches Genetic Test for Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) at the 2009 American Heart Association Meeting

NEWTON, Mass., Nov 16, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- PGxHealth, a division of [Clinical Data, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: CLDA), today announced the launch of its genetic test for familial Dilated Cardiomyopathy, an inherited heart disease which is the leading cause of heart transplants and a possible cause of sudden cardiac death. The introduction of the *FAMILION*^(R) DCM Test at the 2009 American Heart Association meeting, November 14-17 in Orlando, FL, marks the third significant genetic test launched by PGxHealth over the past 18 months. The *FAMILION* DCM Test expands the *FAMILION* family of genetic tests to six index tests used to diagnose or confirm familial heart disease and demonstrates the Company's commitment to extending its leadership position in cardiovascular genetics.

"Unfortunately, the symptoms of DCM manifest during end-stage disease. This limits our ability to intervene earlier in the disease and initiate therapy that can slow disease progression," said Jeffrey Towbin, M.D., Director of Cardiology and Co-director of Heart Institute at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, one of the world's thought leaders on DCM. "Genetic testing may help us find at-risk family members before symptoms present, allowing us to start therapy earlier and successfully slow disease progression."

In 2009, practice guidelines published by the Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA) supported the utilization of genetic testing for patients and their family members suspected of carrying mutations causative of DCM.¹ The *FAMILION* DCM Test is a complex genetic test that sequences the twelve genes most commonly associated with DCM. In addition, the *FAMILION* DCM Test is the only DCM panel to include *SCN5A* and *ANKRD1*, two genes known to account for 5% of gene mutations in familial DCM patients.^{2,3,4}

"Starting with our proprietary *FAMILION* Long QT Syndrome Test, we have continued to leverage our unique expertise in cardiovascular genetics to provide a comprehensive portfolio of tests for inherited cardiac conditions," said Carol R. Reed, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of Clinical Data. "We remain committed to educating healthcare professionals, payors and patients about the role of genetics in helping to diagnose and better manage these potentially fatal diseases."

PGxHealth is committed to providing patients with access to the *FAMILION* family of genetic tests and has successfully contracted with major insurance companies, accepts Medicare assignment and is an approved Medicaid provider in certain states. The *FAMILION* LQTS Test now has coverage policies and agreements that cover over 250 million patients, an increase of over 50 million patients in 2009. In-network coverage by private payers also continues to increase, resulting in lower out-of-pocket costs for patients.

About DCM

Familial DCM is an inherited progressive heart disease most commonly presenting in the third or fourth decade of life. Symptoms associated with DCM include syncope (fainting), heart palpitations, dizziness and breathlessness. While there is no cure for DCM, there are treatments that can slow the progression of disease. Treatment options for confirmed DCM can include medication, and/or placement of a pacemaker or implantable cardiac defibrillator.

The *FAMILION* DCM Test will help clinicians diagnose familial DCM, interpret borderline clinical findings, and identify at-risk family members creating the opportunity for early intervention.

The *FAMILION* DCM Test sequences 12 genes (*LMNA*, *ANKRD1*, *TNNC1*, *SCN5A*, *TPM1*, *MYBPC3*, *ACT1*, *LDB3*, *PLN*, *MYH7*, *TNNT2*, *TNNI3*) and is performed in a CLIA-certified commercial laboratory that meets all applicable state and federal guidelines.

For more information about the *FAMILION* tests, please contact PGxHealth Customer Service at 877-2-PGxHealth (877-274-9432) or visit www.pgxhealth.com.

About PGxHealth^(R)

PGxHealth, a division of Clinical Data, Inc., is utilizing its biomarker expertise and intellectual property to develop and commercialize targeted therapeutics as well as genetic and pharmacogenomic tests that detect serious diseases and help to predict drug safety and efficacy. By using innovative technologies and working with some of the world's most prestigious

genomics thought leaders and institutions, PGxHealth is focused on improving clinical outcomes and reducing treatment costs in disease states and therapeutic classes with expensive, inefficient or suboptimal treatment options. Its tests are marketed under the *FAMILION*^(R) and *PGxPredict*^(R) brands. For more information, please visit PGxHealth's website at www.pgxhealth.com.

About Clinical Data, Inc.

Clinical Data develops first-in-class and best-in-category therapeutics. The Company is advancing its late-stage drug candidates for [central nervous system disorders](#) and [cardiovascular diseases](#), to be followed by promising drug candidates in other major therapeutic areas. Clinical Data is also combining its drug development and biomarker expertise to develop products with enhanced efficacy and tolerability to improve patient health and reduce costs. To learn more, please visit the Company's website at www.clda.com.

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