



Johnson & Johnson Announces Dividend Increase of 7.0%

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., April 26, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Johnson & Johnson (NYSE: JNJ) today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a 7.0% increase in the quarterly dividend rate, from \$0.57 per share to \$0.61 per share. The increase was announced this morning at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in New Brunswick, NJ.

"In recognition of our 2011 results, our strong financial position, and confidence in the future of Johnson & Johnson, the Board has voted to increase the dividend for the 50th consecutive year," said William C. Weldon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

At the new rate, the indicated dividend on an annual basis is \$2.44 per share compared to the previous rate of \$2.28 per share. The next quarterly dividend is payable on June 12, 2012 to shareholders of record as of May 29, 2012.

About Johnson & Johnson

Caring for the world, one person at a time...inspires and unites the people of Johnson & Johnson. We embrace research and science - bringing innovative ideas, products and services to advance the health and well-being of people. Our approximately 117,000 employees at more than 250 Johnson & Johnson operating companies work with partners in health care to touch the lives of over a billion people every day, throughout the world.

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