

Surgical Innovations Group plc (AIM: SUN), the designer and manufacturer of creative solutions for minimally invasive surgery ('MIS'), announces the appointment of Consultant Thoracic Surgeon Marco Scarci to its Clinical Advisory Board ('CAB') with immediate effect.

Marco Scarci, MD, FRCS(Eng), is a Consultant Thoracic Surgeon specialising in video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery ('VATS') at Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Marco undertook his specialist training in Italy, Malta, Essex Cardiothoracic Centre and Guy's and St Thomas' and completed his PostGraduate Certificate in Cardiothoracic Surgery in 2007. Marco is actively involved with the worldwide cardiothoracic surgery network (CTSNet), the Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons and as a member of a the new technologies and Innovation workgroup and education and surgical manpower of the European Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery. He teaches and presents regularly at regional, national and international meetings (Royal Society of Medicine, Royal College Surgeons of England and European Association among others).

Marco's specialism is in VATS, which is a type of minimally invasive thoracic surgery performed using a small video camera. These procedures are a recent development within thoracic surgery and allow surgeons to see inside the chest cavity after only making a small incision. This type of surgery benefits the patient in a number of ways including reduced post-operative pain, length of hospital stay and promotes a faster return to preoperative function.

Graham Bowland, Chief Executive Officer for Surgical Innovations, said: "I am delighted to welcome Marco to the CAB. Marco's expertise in MIS thoracic surgery will help us increase our awareness in this area. He is the first thoracic surgeon to join SI's CAB and reinforces our strategy to transfer our technology into new areas of the body. We are delighted to welcome Marco to the CAB."