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### Mathys honoured with Swiss Excellence Product Award

**For its innovative implant «Ligamys», which allows regeneration of freshly torn cruciate ligaments, Mathys Ltd Bettlach receives the «Swiss Excellence Product Award».**

Yesterday, on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Mathys Ltd Bettlach received the «Swiss Excellence Product Award» for its development «Ligamys». The prize is awarded annually to unique and technically demanding products of high quality that have researched and developed exceptional and outstanding innovation with high value-creation potential.<sup>1</sup>

In addition to Mathys Ltd Bettlach, two other companies, Optimo Medical AG and Bächler Top Track AG and, were honoured by the Swiss Excellence Foundation, which sees itself as a supporter of SME's.

#### **New, additional treatment option for cruciate ligament ruptures**

Ligamys is a surgical implant used to treat fresh ruptures of the anterior cruciate ligament. By dynamic intraligamentary stabilisation (DIS), it restores the mechanical stability of the injured knee in the short term and enables the ruptured ligament to grow together again, thus allowing, among other things, restoration of proprioception (aka depth sensitivity, self-perception from in-side the body) in the knee.<sup>2</sup> In contrast to other treatment methods, treatment with Ligamys does not require withdrawal of an endogenous tendon for replacement. As an alternative to conservative therapy and treatment by reconstruction, Ligamys offers a further treatment option for preservation of the natural cruciate ligament. The implant thus exemplifies the company philosophy «Preservation in motion», which stands for preserving the natural anatomical conditions as far as possible while at the same time pushing advanced developments in the interest of mobility.

#### **In use since 2012**

In cooperation with Prof. Dr Stephan Eggli (Orthopaedie Sonnenhof, Bern), Mathys has developed «Ligamys» and launched it on the market in 2012; today, the product is authorised in more than 24 countries worldwide. In Switzerland, following a recommendation of the Medical Tariff Commission under the Accident Insurance Act (MTK UVG), the treatment costs are covered by the providers of compulsory accident insurance and military insurance.<sup>3</sup>

#### **References**

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.mtk-ctm.ch/de/beschluesse/beschluesse-zu-leistungen-und-technologien/nahtverfahren-mit-dynamischer-intraligamentaerer-stabilisierung-mit-ligamys-dis-ligamys-zur-behandlung-der-ruptur-des-vkb>

**General information about Mathys Ltd Bettlach**

The Swiss orthopaedics company was founded in 1946 and looks back on 60 years of experience in the field of medical technology. Since 1 November 2003, Mathys has focused exclusively on the development, production and distribution of joint replacement products. Production takes place mainly in Switzerland but also in Germany. The company's products currently comprise hip, knee and shoulder implants, as well as synthetic bone substitute material. In 2013, Mathys entered the field of sports orthopaedics.

The company, with 12 subsidiaries in Australia, Austria, Belgium, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand and Switzerland, is owned by the Mathys and Marzo families. Dr Benjamin Reinmann acts as CEO, Hugo Mathys as Chairman of the Board of Directors. With Livio Marzo and Roger Mathys, now the third generation is already active on the Board of Directors; Livio Marzo since April 2018 as Vice Chairman of the Board.

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