

AbioCor™ Implantable Replacement Heart Update

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Patient Condition

Drs. Gray and Dowling, the patient's surgical team, have indicated that the patient continues to rest comfortably and his progress is consistent with prior expectations. Further information will be made available only when there is a significant change in condition or when meaningful clinical milestones are reached.

Future Media Inquiries

Jewish Hospital, the University of Louisville and ABIOMED have indicated that they would enforce a "quiet period" with regard to the recent implant of the AbioCor™ Implantable Replacement Heart. This quiet period is intended to protect and respect the privacy and confidentiality of the patient and his family. We urge members of the media to understand and respect this policy.

In recognition of the numerous calls and inquiries concerning the technical facets of the AbioCor and of the surgical procedure, and the "well wishes" sent to the patient and his family, Jewish Hospital, the University of Louisville and ABIOMED have agreed that we will receive questions via our media center at (502) 561-5447. Answers to questions will be obtained from appropriate parties at the various institutions, and questions and answers will be posted on our websites at heartpioneers.com and abiomed.com. Please note that we will not respond to questions regarding the patient's clinical condition, or to questions that would infringe upon the privacy of the patient or his family.

We appreciate very much the interest being shown in this project. We also hope that members of the media can appreciate and respect our desire to conduct this clinical trial in an ethical manner, respecting above all the dignity and privacy of the patient and his family.