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MedCon 2022 Presents Critical Information on Medical Devices Through AFDO/RAPS Healthcare Products Collaborative Event

(May 6, 2022) —Successfully continuing to foster open discussions of the most pressing issues facing the medical device industry, MedCon 2022 wrapped up today. The three-day virtual event—which convened May 4-6—was produced by the new AFDO/RAPS Healthcare Products Collaborative and carried on Xavier Health's 12-year legacy of uniting global regulators and medical device manufacturers to increase speed to market and product quality through innovation.

More than 400 participants attended 22 sessions, gaining timely insights and understanding from more than 70 speakers—including 25 FDA speakers, along with other government regulators. All session topics and speakers were carefully currated by the MedCon Strategic Committee, a panel of industry experts committed to fostering open, transparent interactions among stakeholders. The event brought together medical device regulators and industry experts from around the world for content-rich conference sessions that included uncommon collaboration, deep dialogue, and networking.

MedCon founder Marla Phillips, now CEO of Pathway for Patient Health, opened the conference by reiterating the commitment to MedCon's place in the continued discussion of medical device innovation and regulation. "I am pleased that AFDO and RAPS have joined together to bring you this event, building on the work of the Strategic Committee whose commitment continued while MedCon found a new home," Phillips said.

MedCon 2022 was co-sponsored by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the 13th year in a row. This participation reinforces FDA's focus on the education of the device manufacturing community as an important part of ensuring the quality of FDA-regulated medical products.

"The MedCon conference helps fulfill the Department of Health and Human Services' and FDA's important mission to protect public health," said Gina Brackett, director, Compliance Branch at FDA's ORA Office of Medical Device and Radiological Health. "As in the past, MedCon provided outreach and engagement with our colleagues in the medical products industry to discuss trends, innovations, and challenges in an educational setting. We feel it is important to be key facilitator of the discussion and thank all who participated."

The conference featured four session tracks: pre-market, postmarket, innovation/digital health/postmarket, and international. Ten plenary sessions were offered to examine current regulatory activities, market threats and challenges, and a proposed rule. Attendees earned a total of 12 RAC recertification credits for attending.

MedCon 2023 is planned as an in-person meeting with dates to be announced for next May.

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