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### 1Q 2021 Highlights

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Meaningful execution and innovation strengthening our future

#### **Heart Failure**

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We achieved a key clinical milestone in our Heart Failure program with more than 300 patients enrolled in our ANTHEM-HFrEF pivotal trial. Once we follow these patients for nine months and randomize a total of 400 patients, the resulting data will be reviewed in anticipation of filing with the FDA. If approved for use by the FDA, this will become the first VNS-based therapy for the adjunctive treatment of chronic heart failure in the US.

#### **Difficult-to-Treat Depression (DTD)**

UNCOVER, a collaboration with Verily and a subset of the RECOVER study, enrolled its first patient. Data obtained from Verily-developed digital tools, will complement the clinical outcomes collected in RECOVER, providing clinicians a more comprehensive view of depression patient biomarkers.

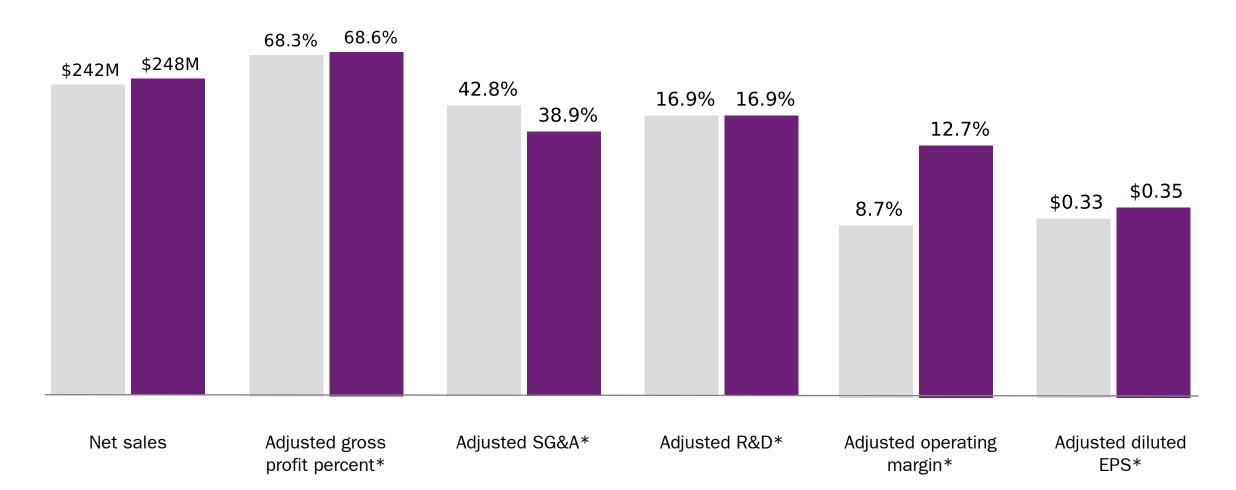
#### Cardiopulmonary: Heart-Lung Machine (HLM) Innovation

- B-Capta® received FDA 510(k) clearance, the new in-line, blood-gas monitoring system, which is integrated into our marketleading HLM. The system is designed to easily and accurately monitor blood gas parameters during pediatric and adult cardiopulmonary bypass procedures, allowing a perfusionist to quickly react to parameter changes.
- S5 PRO<sup>™</sup> HLM received 510(k) clearance. The product features B-Capta as a primary component, along with new sensor technology and improved software. These product enhancements build upon our 45+ years of safety and reliability.

### **Financial Results**

### **1Q 2021 Financial Summary**

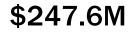




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#### 1Q 2021 Net Sales

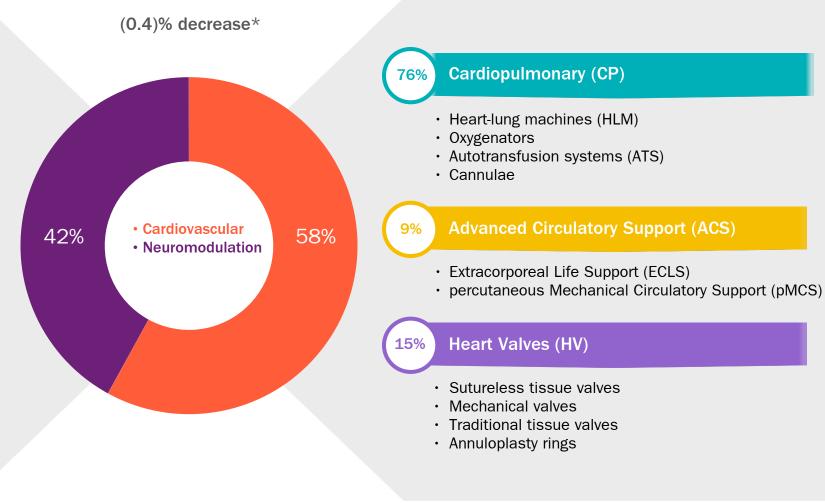


Vagus Nerve Stimulation Therapy (VNS Therapy)

- Drug-Resistant Epilepsy (DRE)
- Difficult-to-Treat Depression (DTD)
- Heart Failure (HF)

Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation Therapy (HGNS Therapy)

Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)



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#### **1Q 2021 Cardiovascular Sales**

#### **Drivers/Impacts**

Net Sales (\$M)\* (9.4)%

+	Greater than 20% growth in ACS driven by the continued adoption of LifeSPARC and an increase in procedure volumes	\$152.1 10.5	23.6%	\$143.2	
+	HLM sales grew mid-single digits and were favorably impacted by better than expected S5 sales in the Rest of World and U.S. regions	25.2	(19.2)%	<sup>13.0</sup> 21.5	
-	Oxygenator sales declined in the mid-teens globally, with the U.S. and Asia Pacific performing better than Europe and LATAM	116.4	(10.2)%	108.7	Advanced Circulatory Support Heart Valves Cardiopulmonary
-	Heart Valves declined by 19% in part related to the impact of non- emergent cardiac procedures in Europe and the Rest of World regions			10017	
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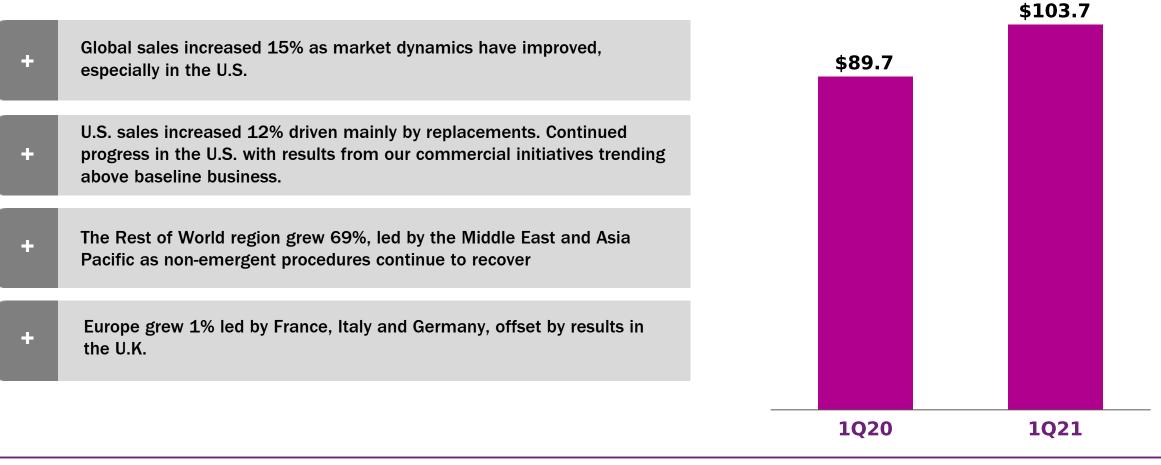
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### **1Q 2021** Neuromodulation Sales

#### **Drivers/Impacts**

#### Net Sales (\$M)\*

#### 14.7%

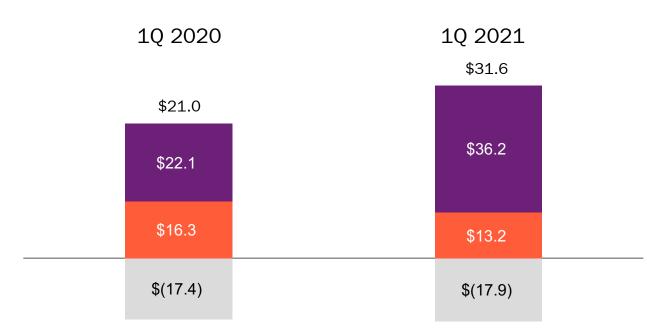


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# Adjusted Segment Operating Income and Margin<sup>(1)</sup>



% to Sales

	1Q 2020	1Q 2021
Cardiovascular	10.7%	9.2%
Neuromodulation	24.7%	34.9%
Total	8.7%	12.7%

Neuromodulation

Cardiovascular

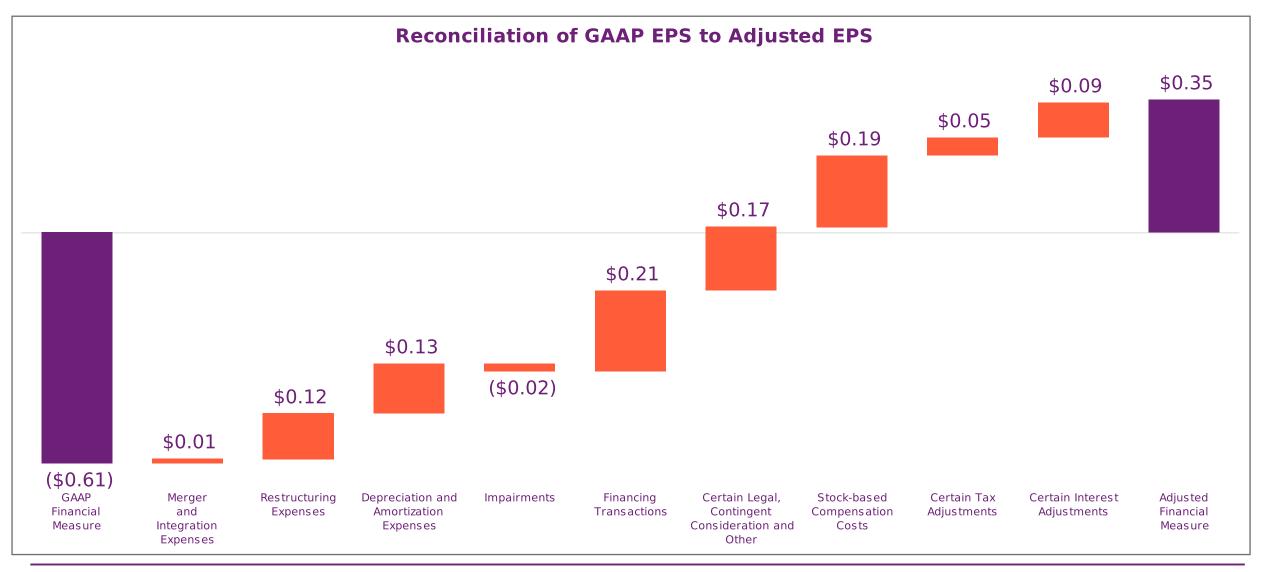
Expenses Not Allocated to Segments<sup>(2)</sup>

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(1) Adjusted segment operating income and margin are non-GAAP measures. These non-GAAP measures are reconciled to the most directly comparable GAAP measures in the appendix. (2) Includes corporate shared service expenses for finance, legal, human resources, information technology and corporate business development.



#### **1Q 2021 Adjusted EPS from Continuing Operations\***



\* Adjusted diluted EPS is a non-GAAP measure. This non-GAAP measure is reconciled to this GAAP measure in the appendix.



### 2021 Guidance

#### **2021 Guidance is Unchanged**

Continued COVID-related uncertainty with more normalized sales levels returning in the second half of 2021

	Guidance as of April 28, 2021
Worldwide net sales growth <sup>(1)</sup>	8% - 13%
Diluted EPS (1) (2)	\$1.40 - \$1.90
Free Cash Flow (excl. extraordinary items) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$30M - \$50M

<sup>1</sup> Net sales are on a constant-currency basis. All financial measures are adjusted non-GAAP measures. <sup>2</sup> Diluted EPS assumes a share count of approximately 49 million shares. <sup>3</sup> Free Cash Flow is an additional metric, which is net cash used in operating activities less investing activities and in this case, excludes the following one-time extraordinary adjustments: 3T litigation payments and a tax stimulus benefit.



### 1Q 2021 Summary

Despite the uncertainty, we remain cautiously optimistic in the full-year outlook

Financial	<ul> <li>Solid 1Q sales results despite continued effect of COVID-19 in parts of the Europe and Rest of World regions</li> <li>Gross margin improvement driven by sales mix offset by unfavorable manufacturing variances related to COVID-19</li> <li>Continued cost containment measures resulting in lower SG&amp;A, partially offset by increased R&amp;D on pipeline initiatives</li> </ul>
Strategic	<ul> <li>Greater than 20% ACS growth driven primarily by the continued adoption of LifeSPARC</li> <li>U.S. Epilepsy go-to-market continues to make progress; positive trends reflected in all eight dedicated teams</li> <li>Continued progress in next-generation HLM and Epilepsy product development programs with staged roll-outs in 2022</li> </ul>
Pipeline	<ul> <li>RECOVER depression study continues to make progress with more than 70% of sites activated</li> <li>ANTHEM-HFrEF pivotal trial continues to maintain strong momentum with more than 300 patients enrolled to date</li> <li>OSA IDE submitted to the FDA and pending final approval</li> </ul>



### Positioning LivaNova to Realize its Full Value

Consistently deliver growth, pipeline and profitability

#### **Core Growth**

Focus on portfolio optimization to support leadership positions in underserved markets

- Expand the go-to-market initiative for U.S. Epilepsy
- Forecast at least 20% ACS growth in 2021

#### **Pipeline Execution**

Multiple existing and pipeline initiatives to accelerate growth

- Achieve key study milestones in RECOVER and ANTHEM HFrEF
- Continued progress on next-generation heart-lung machine

#### **Operational Excellence**

Drive margin expansion

- Expand operating margin through cost discipline
- Drive improvement in free cash flow generation





#### **Adjusted Free Cash Flow**

Focused on strengthening adjusted FCF; continued recovery expected during the second half of the year

• Continue to target \$30M - \$50M of adjusted free cash flow for full-year 2021

Adjusted Free Cash Flow Reconciliation	1Q 2021
(U.S. dollars in millions)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$19.5
Less: Cash received from tax stimulus	(24.5)
Less: Net cash used in investing activities	(9.9)
Add: 3T litigation payments	5.1
Adjusted free cash flow	(\$9.7)

Adjusted Free Cash Flow ("FCF") is a non-GAAP measure. For reconciliations of certain non-GAAP metrics, please see the tables in the appendix. Our definition and calculation of adjusted FCF may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.



#### Assumptions for 2021

REVENUE	8% - 13%	<ul> <li>Epilepsy surgeries expected to improve as pandemic subsides, resulting in 15-20% growth</li> <li>LifeSPARC adoption expected to deliver at least 20% ACS growth in 2021</li> <li>Total Cardiovascular expected to grow in the mid-to-high single digits, which includes the impact of lower capital equipment sales</li> </ul>
EPS	\$1.40 - \$1.90	<ul> <li>Gross margin expected to improve in the second half led by recovery in our Epilepsy business</li> <li>Continued focus on operational excellence, including cost optimization</li> <li>Investments in core innovation and pipeline priorities to drive long-term value creation</li> </ul>
CASH GENERATION	Disciplined, Focused Deployment	<ul> <li>Focused customer collections efforts to further improve days sales outstanding</li> <li>Improve inventory turns through sales and operations planning process</li> <li>Continue to optimize and standardize procure-to-pay process</li> </ul>
STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO INITIATIVES	Continued Execution	<ul> <li>DTD: 250 unipolar and/or 150 bipolar patients implanted in the RECOVER study arms by year end</li> <li>Heart Failure: Achieved 300 patients enrolled in ANTHEM-HFrEF in April 2021</li> <li>OSA: Anticipate starting confirmatory trial mid-year</li> </ul>



## Appendix

#### Net Sales - Comparison of Actual Results to Constant Currency - Unaudited

\$ in millions	Three Months E	nded March 31,			
Business / Product Line:	2021	2021 2020		Constant-Currency % Change	
Cardiopulmonary	\$108.7	\$116.4	(6.6)%	(10.2)%	
Heart Valves	21.5	25.2	(14.9)%	(19.2)%	
Advanced Circulatory Support	13.0	10.5	23.8 %	23.6 %	
Cardiovascular	143.2	152.1	(5.9)%	(9.4)%	
Neuromodulation	103.7	89.7	15.7 %	14.7 %	
Other	0.7	0.7	10.0 %	0.7 %	
Total Net Sales	\$247.6	\$242.4	2.1 %	(0.4)%	

Note: Numbers may not add precisely due to rounding. Constant-currency percent change is considered a non-GAAP metric.



#### GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations - Unaudited

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES - UNAUDITED

(U.S. dollars in millions, except per share amounts)

	_	Specified Items										
Three Months Ended March 31, 2021	GAAP Financial Measures	Merger and Integration Expenses (A)	Restructuring Expenses (B)	Depreciation and Amortization Expenses (C)	Impairment (D)	Product Remediation Expenses (E)	Financing Transactions (F)	Certain Legal, Contingent Consideration and Other (G)	Stock-based Compensation Costs (H)	Certain Tax Adjustments (I)	Certain Interest Adjustments (J)	Adjusted Financial Measures
Cost of sales - exclusive of amortization	\$79.2	\$—	\$—	(\$0.3)	\$—	\$—	\$—	(\$0.4)	(\$0.6)	\$—	\$—	\$77.8
Product remediation	0.1	_	_	—		(0.1)	—	—	_	—	—	—
Gross profit percent	68.0 %	— %	— %	6 0.1 %	— %	— %	— %	0.2 %	0.3 %	— %	— %	68.6 %
Selling, general and administrative	112.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	(8.9)	(7.3)	—	—	96.4
Selling, general and administrative as a percent of net sales	45.5 %	— %	— %	~ — %	— %	— %	— %	(3.6)%	(3.0)%	— %	— %	38.9 %
Research and development	44.6	—	_	_	_	_	—	(1.2)	(1.6)			41.9
Research and development as a percent of net sales	18.0 %	— %	— %	~	— %	— %	— %	(0.5)%	(0.6)%	— %	— %	16.9 %
Litigation provision, net	3.0	—	_	_	_	_	—	(3.0)				—
Other operating expenses	12.5	(0.6)	(6.1)	(6.7)	1.0	_	—	_				—
Operating (loss) income from continuing operations	(4.4)	0.6	6.1	7.0	(1.0)	0.1	—	13.6	9.5			31.6
Operating margin percent	(1.8)%	0.3 %	2.5 %	<sup>6</sup> 2.8 %	(0.4)%	— %	— %	5.5 %	3.9 %	— %	— %	12.7 %
Income tax expense	2.9	—	0.1	0.6	0.1	_	—	0.6	0.2	(2.3)		2.1
Net (loss) income from continuing operations	(29.7)	0.6	6.0	6.5	(1.1)	_	10.6	8.3	9.3	2.3	4.6	17.5
Diluted EPS - Continuing Operations	(\$0.61)	\$0.01	\$0.12	\$0.13	(\$0.02)	\$—	\$0.21	\$0.17	\$0.19	\$0.05	\$0.09	\$0.35

GAAP results for the three months ended March 31, 2021 include:

- (A) Merger and integration expenses related to our legacy companies and recent acquisitions
- (B) Restructuring expenses related to organizational changes
- (C) Includes depreciation and amortization associated with purchase price accounting
- (D) Revaluation associated with the classification of Heart Valves as held for sale
- (E) Costs related to the 3T Heater-Cooler remediation plan
- (F) Costs associated with our June 2020 financing transactions, including the mark-to-market adjustment for the exchangeable option feature and capped call derivatives
- (G) 3T Heater-Cooler litigation provision, legal expenses primarily related to 3T Heater-Cooler defense, settlements, other matters and remeasurement of contingent consideration related to acquisitions and gain from remeasurement of an investment
- (H) Non-cash expenses associated with stock-based compensation costs
- (I) Primarily relates to discrete tax items and the tax impact of intercompany transactions
- (J) Primarily relates to non-cash interest expense on our Senior Secured Term Loan and Cash Exchangeable Senior Notes
- \* Numbers may not add precisely due to rounding.



#### GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations - Unaudited

#### RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES - UNAUDITED

(U.S. dollars in millions, except per share amounts)

					Specifie	d Items				
Three Months Ended March 31, 2020	GAAP Financial Measures	Merger and Integration Expenses (A)	Restructuring Expenses (B)	Depreciation and Amortization Expenses (C)	Product Remediation Expenses (D)	Certain Legal, Contingent Consideration and Other (E)	Stock-based Compensation Costs (F)	Certain Tax Adjustments (G)	Certain Interest Adjustments (H)	Adjusted Financial Measures
Cost of sales - exclusive of amortization	\$68.9	\$—	\$—	(\$0.4)	\$—	\$8.8	(\$0.6)	\$—	\$—	\$76.7
Product remediation	1.5	_	—	—	(1.5)	—	_	—	—	—
Gross profit percent	71.0 %	— %	— %	0.2 %	0.6 %	(3.6)%	0.2 %	— %	— %	68.3 %
Selling, general and administrative	120.2		—	_	—	(9.1)	(7.3)	—	—	103.8
Selling, general and administrative as a percent of net sales	49.6 %	— %	— %	— %	— %	(3.7)%	(3.0)%	— %	— %	42.8 %
Research and development	35.9		—	—	—	6.2	(1.2)		—	40.9
Research and development as a percent of net sales	14.8 %	— %	— %	— %	— %	2.5 %	(0.5)%	— %	— %	16.9 %
Other operating expenses	15.3	(3.5)	(1.6)	(10.3)	—		—	—	—	—
Operating income from continuing operations	0.6	3.5	1.6	10.7	1.5	(5.9)	9.0	_	—	21.0
Operating margin percent	0.3 %	1.4 %	0.7 %	4.4 %	0.6 %	(2.4)%	3.7 %	— %	— %	8.7 %
Income tax (benefit) expense	(44.7)	0.3	0.2	1.6	0.3	1.4	1.0	40.9	0.5	1.4
Net income from continuing operations	38.6	3.2	1.4	9.2	1.2	(7.3)	8.0	(40.9)	2.6	16.0
Diluted EPS - Continuing Operations	\$0.79	\$0.07	\$0.03	\$0.19	\$0.02	(\$0.15)	\$0.16	(\$0.84)	\$0.05	\$0.33

GAAP results for the three months ended March 31, 2020 include:

- (A) Merger and integration expenses related to our legacy companies and recent acquisitions
- (B) Restructuring expenses related to organizational changes
- (C) Includes depreciation and amortization associated with purchase price accounting
- (D) Costs related to the 3T Heater-Cooler remediation plan
- (E) Legal expenses primarily related to 3T Heater-Cooler defense, settlements and other matters and remeasurement of contingent consideration related to acquisitions
- (F) Non-cash expenses associated with stock-based compensation costs
- (G) Primarily relates to discrete tax items and the tax impact of intercompany transactions
- (H) Primarily relates to intellectual property migration, interest related to 3T Heater-Cooler matter and other non-recurring impacts to interest expense

\* Numbers may not add precisely due to rounding.



#### Segment Non-GAAP Reconciliation - Unaudited

(U.S. dollars in millions)

						:	Specified	l Items			
Three Months Ended March 31, 2020		Financial esults	Depreciat Amortiz Exper (A	ation ses	Product Remediation Expenses (B)	Certain I Contin Conside and O (C)	gent ration ther	Stock-based Compensation Costs (D)	Adjusted Financial Results	% to Sales	
Cardiovascular	\$	8.7	\$	0.5	\$ 1.5	\$	4.3	\$ 1.3	\$ 16.3	10.7 %	
Neuromodulation		33.9		_			(13.3)	1.5	22.1	24.7 %	
Other		(26.6)		_			3.0	6.2	(17.4)	**	
Segment operating (loss) income	\$	15.9	\$	0.5	\$ 1.5	\$	(5.9) \$	\$ 9.0	\$ 21.0	8.7 %	
						:	Specified	l Items			
Three Months Ended	GAAP	Financial	Depreciat Amortiz Exper	ation	Product Remediation Expenses	Certain I Contin Conside and O	gent ration	Stock-based Compensation Costs	Impairments	- Adjusted	
March 31, 2021		esults	(A		(B)	(C)		(D)	(E)	Financial Results	% to Sales
Cardiovascular	\$	5.6	\$	0.4	\$ 0.1	\$	6.6	\$ 1.5	\$ (1.0)	\$ 13.2	9.2 %
Neuromodulation		34.0			—		0.4	1.8	_	36.2	34.9 %
Other		(30.7)			—		6.6	6.2	_	(17.9)	**
Segment operating (loss) income	\$	9.0	\$	0.3	\$ 0.1	\$	13.6	\$ 9.5	\$ (1.0)	\$ 31.6	12.7 %

GAAP results for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020 include:

- (A) Includes depreciation and amortization associated with purchase price accounting
- Costs related to the 3T Heater-Cooler remediation plan (B)
- 3T Heater-Cooler litigation provision, legal expenses primarily related to 3T Heater-Cooler defense, settlements, other matters and remeasurement of contingent consideration related to acquisitions and 2021 gain from (C) remeasurement of an investment

- Non-cash expenses associated with stock-based compensation costs (D)
- Revaluation associated with the classification of Heart Valves as held for sale (E)
- \* Numbers may not add precisely due to rounding.

\*\* Indicates that variance as a percentage is not meaningful.



#### **GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations**

The preceding tables reconcile the most comparable U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) measures to the non-GAAP financial and operating measures presented in LivaNova's first-quarter 2021 press release and during the conference call held in conjunction with the announcement of first-quarter 2021 results.

Unless otherwise noted, all sales growth rates in this presentation reflect comparable, constant-currency growth. Management believes that referring to comparable, constant-currency growth is the most useful way to evaluate the sales performance of LivaNova and to compare the sales performance of current periods to prior periods on a consistent basis. Constant-currency growth, a non-GAAP financial measure, measures the change in sales between current and prior-year periods using average exchange rates in effect during the applicable prior-year period.

LivaNova calculates forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures based on internal forecasts that omit certain amounts that would be included in GAAP financial measures. For example, forward-looking net sales growth projections are estimated on a constant-currency basis and exclude the impact of foreign currency fluctuations. Forward-looking non-GAAP adjusted tax rate and adjusted diluted earnings per share guidance exclude other items such as, but not limited to, changes in fair value of contingent consideration arrangements, asset impairment charges and product remediation costs that would be included in comparable GAAP financial measures. The most directly comparable GAAP measure for constant-currency net sales, non-GAAP adjusted tax rate and adjusted diluted earnings per share are net sales, the effective tax rate and earnings per share, respectively. However, non-GAAP financial adjustments on a forward-looking basis are subject to uncertainty and variability as they are dependent on many factors, including but not limited to, the effect of foreign currency exchange fluctuations, impacts from potential acquisitions or divestitures, gains or losses on the potential sale of businesses or other assets, restructuring costs, merger and integration activities, changes in fair value of contingent consideration arrangements, product remediation costs, asset impairment charges and the tax impact of the aforementioned items, tax law changes or other tax matters. Accordingly, reconciliations to the most directly comparable forward-looking GAAP financial measures are not available without unreasonable effort.

The Company also believes adjusted financial measures such as adjusted gross profit; adjusted selling, general and administrative expense; adjusted research and development expense; adjusted other operating expenses; adjusted operating income from continued operations; adjusted income tax expense; adjusted net income from continuing operations; and adjusted diluted earnings per share, are measures by which LivaNova generally uses to facilitate management review of the operational performance of the company, to serve as a basis for strategic planning, and to assist in the design of compensation incentive plans. Furthermore, adjusted financial measures allow investors to evaluate the Company's core performance for different periods on a more comparable and consistent basis, and with other entities in the medical technology industry by adjusting for items that are not related to the ongoing operations of the Company or incurred in the ordinary course of business.

