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RITA Medical Systems, Inc. Announces Third Quarter, Nine-Month Results Release and Conference Call Date

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., Oct. 22 /PRNewswire/ -- RITA Medical Systems, Inc., (Nasdaq: RITA), a medical device company that develops, manufactures and markets minimally invasive products to treat patients with solid cancerous or benign tumors, today announced plans to release its 2001 third quarter and nine-month financial results after the market closes on Wednesday, October 24, 2001, and to host a conference call with the financial community at 4:30 PM EDT (Eastern) that same day.

To participate on the RITA conference call, RSVP to Terri Do at Allen & Caron Inc at 949-474-4300, or email terri@allencaron.com. To join the call, dial 877-845-5389 (domestic) or 706-634-7554 (international) and reference the "RITA Medical" conference call. For those unable to participate, a dial-in replay will be available through Friday, October 26th at midnight and can be accessed by dialing 800-642-1687 (domestic) or 706-645-9291 (international) and enter conference ID 2149763.

About RITA Medical Systems, Inc.

RITA Medical Systems, Inc., develops, manufactures and markets innovative products for patients with solid cancerous or benign tumors. The proprietary RITA system uses radiofrequency energy to heat tissue to a high enough temperature to ablate it or cause cell death. The company has sold over 30,000 of its disposable devices throughout the world. While the company's current focus is on liver cancer, the company believes that ates. In March 2000, RITA became the first radiofrequency ablation company to receive specific FDA clearance for unresectable liver lesions in addition to its previous general FDA clearance for the ablation of soft tissue.

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