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Medtronic Positioned to Execute  
Creating Long-Term Value in Healthcare

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Improving operational execution to  
deliver consistent results

Uniquely positioned to expand our market-leading franchises through three differentiated strategies:

1.

Therapy Innovation: Delivering strong launch cadence of meaningful therapies and procedures

2.

Globalization: Addressing the inequity in healthcare access globally

3.

Economic Value: Becoming a leader in value-based healthcare by incorporating EV into our DNA

Combining reliable performance with disciplined capital allocation to create long-term shareholder value

Medtronic Today  
CoreValve  
Evolut  
R  
MiniMed®  
530G  
Viva  
CRT-D

Advisa MRI  
Cardiac and  
Vascular Group  
Restorative  
Therapies Group  
Diabetes  
Resolute  
Integrity  
Endurant®  
II  
PVAC®  
GOLD  
Solera®  
Milestone  
Knee  
Restore®  
Sensor  
PEAK®  
PlasmaBlade  
Pumps and Sensors  
TAVR  
Atrial  
Fibrillation  
Pacing  
Defibrillation  
DES  
AAA  
Core Spine  
Pain Stim  
Ortho  
Advanced  
Energy  
MDT Financial Formula  
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Revenue  
Growth  
1  
Mid-Single  
Digits  
Operating &  
Financial  
Leverage  
EPS Growth  
1  
200  
400 bps  
Faster than  
Revenue  
Dividend Yield

~200 bps

Total

Shareholder

Return

High-Single to

Double Digits

1. On a constant currency basis. Reflects Medtronic on a stand-alone basis and does not include Covidien.

Delivering on Commitments  
And Strengthening our Competitive Position  
Highlights  
FY14  
Actual  
FY14  
Guidance  
Free Cash



Flow

3

Revenue

Growth

+3 -

4%

\$4 -

\$4.5B

+3.6%

\$4.6B

Adjusted

EPS

2

\$3.80 -

\$3.85

\$3.82

Returned 50%+ to shareholders

\$2.6B share repurchases

50bps of operating leverage

1

FY14 Emerging Markets growth of 14%

Meaningful product launches including

the MiniMed®

530G, Reveal LINQ

TM

and CoreValve®

Established Cardiocom®

and Cath Lab

Managed Services (CLMS) as future

growth platforms

Effective tax management

Unhedged currency and U.S.

device tax

1.

On an operational basis.

2.

Non-GAAP diluted EPS.

3.

Free cash flow defined as operating cash flow minus capital expenditures.

Note: All revenue figures assume constant currency. Non-GAAP reconciliation available in Appendix

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Medtronic Q1 FY15 Financial Results  
Reported on August 19, 2014

Overall, Q1 represented balanced growth, with strong performances in some areas offset by challenges in others

US markets driving growth: grew  
+6%, the highest growth in the US  
in 5 years

New therapies contributed  
200bps to overall growth driven  
by Reveal LINQ, CoreValve, and  
MiniMed 530G

Our robust pipeline will contribute  
significantly to our future growth

Breadth and scale having an  
increasing advantage: Focused on  
New Therapies, Economic Value,  
and Globalization

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Revenue

\$4.3 billion

% Growth, as reported

+5%

% Growth, constant FX

+4%

GAAP Net Earnings

\$871 million

% Growth

-9%

GAAP Diluted EPS

\$0.87

% Growth

-6%

Non-GAAP Net Earnings

\$934 million

% Growth

+4%

Non-GAAP Diluted EPS

\$0.93

% Growth

+6%

Cash EPS

\$0.99

% Growth

+5%

1 On a constant currency basis

Note: Non-GAAP reconciliation available in Appendix

Therapy  
Innovation  
Globalization  
Economic  
Value  
GROWTH VECTOR #1:  
GROWTH VECTOR #2:  
GROWTH VECTOR #3:

Medtronic Growth Strategies

Strategies to Address Universal Healthcare Needs

Strong upcoming  
launch cadence of  
innovative  
therapies

Unlocking massive  
opportunity for  
existing therapies  
in emerging  
markets

Leading industry  
shift to value-  
based healthcare  
with new services  
& solutions

Sources of Growth

New Therapies

Emerging

Markets

Integrated Health

Solutions

Medtronic

Strategies

Operational

Execution

Universal

HC Needs

Improve

clinical

outcomes

Expand

access

Optimize cost

and efficiency

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Growth Vector #1: New Therapies  
Reveal LINQ  
WW: Launching  
IN.PACT®  
Admiral®  
SFA  
US: Q1 CY15  
Micra

CE Mark: By end of FY15

FY15

Nuvent

Balloon

WW: Launching

Prestige LP

US: Launching

CoreValve®

High Risk

US: Launching

Resolute Onyx

CE: Launch, Jan CY15

FY16

200 projects expected to  
generate \$30B+ in incremental  
revenue over 5 years from  
time of product launch

O-arm®

2.0

WW: H2 FY15

Attain®

Performa

Quad

US: Launching

Select

Launches

Medtronic R&D Pipeline

1

Evolut

R (26/29mm)

CE Mark: H2 FY15

Next-Gen Interbodies

WW: H2 FY15

MiniMed®

640G

WE: FY15

1.

Reflects Medtronic on a stand-alone basis and does not include Covidien.

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1. Moving Medtronic therapy penetration from EM level (11%) to Developed Market levels (24%) in population that can afford the therapy. Reflects Medtronic on a stand-alone basis and does not include Covidien.

EM Premium:

Attractive Opportunity

Technology already exists



Out-of-pocket payment or  
reimbursement established

Comparable margins to  
developed markets

~\$5B annual opportunity

1

Increased investment

BU and region alignment and  
responsibility

Enhanced Focus &  
Resources

Large scale private partnerships

Channel optimization

Public partnerships  
Smarter Deployment /  
Targeting

Aligning around customers

Granular focus within  
countries

Go Beyond Market  
Development

1

2

3

\$475

\$638

EM SG&A Spend

Millions

~2,600

~4,600

EM Headcount

Making Changes to Realize Opportunity

Growth Vector #2: Emerging Markets

Premium

Value

Underserved

+16%

CAGR

+33%

CAGR

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Growth Vector #3:  
Integrated Health Solutions  
Examples  
Quantifying Value &  
Expanding Offerings  
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Expanding Offerings  
Understand

Economic Value of  
Innovation  
Surgical Synergy  
SM  
Broaden Innovation  
Time Horizon to  
Ensure Value is  
Realized  
Collaborate and  
Generate New  
Business Models  
Core Therapies  
Wrap-Around  
Services  
Integrated Health  
Solutions  
Cath Lab  
Managed Services

AdaptivCRT®

SmartShock®  
T2 Diabetes  
Partnership  
Rethinking Blood  
Conservation (RBC®)  
Bundled Payment  
Pilots

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Growth Vectors Expected to  
Deliver Mid-Single Digit Growth  
Sources of Growth  
FY14 MDT  
Growth  
Contribution  
180 bps  
145 bps

30 bps

FY15E MDT

Growth / Contribution

+150 to 350 bps

+150 to 200 bps

+40 to 60 bps

Low-

to

Mid-Single

Mid-Teens

Double

to Triple

FY14 to FY15

Change

Mid-Term

Expectations

-30 to

+170 bps

+5 to 55 bps

+10 to 30 bps

+150 to 350 bps

+150 to 200 bps

+50 to 100 bps

TOTAL

MEDTRONIC

3.6%

3-5%

FY15 Revenue Outlook

-15 to

+255 bps

Mid-Single

Digit Growth

Note: All revenue estimates assume constant currency. Reflects Medtronic

on a stand-alone basis and does not include Covidien. Non-GAAP

reconciliation available in Appendix

GROWTH VECTOR #1

New

Therapies

GROWTH VECTOR #2

Emerging

Markets

GROWTH VECTOR #3

Integrated

Health Solutions

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Defensive:

Mitigate pricing pressure &  
maintain 75-76% gross margins

Offensive:

Enable product tiering &

support value segment expansion  
Accomplished  
Maintained  
Gross Margins  
Executing on Operating Expense  
Reduction Initiatives

FY12

FY14:

~30 bps reduction

FY15E

:

50 to 70 bps reduction

Improve efficiency & drive SG&A

leverage while investing in EM

1.

Forecast given on an operational basis. Reflects Medtronic on a stand-alone basis and does not include Covidien.

DRM

Mfg./Supply

Chain

New Product

Architectures

FY13-FY17:

~\$1.2B

FY08-FY12:

\$

\$1B

FY14:

8.7% of revenue

FY15E:

8.5%

Shift to enhance quality systems, productivity improvements,  
economic value prioritization, offsets to medical device tax

Roughly maintain level of R&D

spending going forward

Process

PRODUCT

COST

REDUCTION

SG&A

OPERATING

LEVERAGE

R&D

1

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S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrat  
Index member; 35 years of  
consecutive dividend increases

Dividend more than doubled  
over the past 5 years

Over \$1 billion in dividend  
payments in FY14

Payout ratio of ~30%  
1

Repurchased 15% of our shares  
over the past 5 years

Over \$1.2 billion in share  
repurchases in FY14

Going forward, expect share  
repurchase to add ~200 bps to  
EPS growth annually

DIVIDENDS

DIVIDENDS

SHARE REPURCHASE

SHARE REPURCHASE

Rewarding Shareholders with Distributions

Cash Priorities to Shareholders Overview

~940M

-7%

-9%

1

\$0.00

\$0.40

\$0.80

\$1.20

FY00

FY01

FY02

FY03

FY04

FY05

FY06

FY07

FY08

FY09

FY10

FY11

FY12

FY13

FY14

FY15E

900

1,000

1,100

1,200

FY11

FY12

FY13

FY14

FY15E

FY16E

FY17E

FY18E

1.

Non-GAAP calculation based on annualized Medtronic quarterly dividend payment of \$0.305 per share as announced on June  
Reflects Medtronic on a stand-alone basis and does not include Covidien.

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Generating Significant Free Cash Flow  
\$25B+

Expected adjusted FCF generation over next 5 years equal to  
40% of current market cap

Consistently generate > 20% FCF / revenue

Returning 50%+ of FCF to shareholders

Remain focused on improving U.S. cash

**\$21B**

1. Based on Medtronic market capitalization as of July 29, 2014.

Note: Non-GAAP reconciliation available in Appendix

Adjusted free cash flow is operating cash flow minus capital expenditures. Excludes certain litigation payments. Reflects Medtronic on a stand-alone basis and does not include Covidien.

FY10-FY14

FY15-FY19F

1

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Commitment to Return 50% of  
Free Cash Flow  
1  
40%  
2  
\$ Billions  
Corporate Use

Return to  
Shareholders

~\$25B+

\$12.5B+

\$62B

2

\$12.5B+

Buybacks

Dividends

\$12.5B+

O.U.S.

Cash

U.S.

Cash

0

20

40

60

Current Market Cap

Expected Free Cash Flow,

Next 5 Years

Expected Capital

Deployment, Next 5 Years

Expected Return to

Shareholders, Next 5 Years

1.

Adjusted free cash flow is operating cash flow minus capital expenditures.

Excludes certain litigation payments. Reflects Medtronic on a stand-alone basis and does not include Covidien.

2.

Based on Medtronic market capitalization as of July 29, 2014.

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Covidien Overview

Highly Strategic and Compelling Acquisition

Accelerates Medtronic's three core strategies of Therapy Innovation, Globalization, and Economic Value

Covidien's impressive portfolio of industry-leading products enhances Medtronic's



portfolio, offers greater breadth across clinical areas, and creates exciting entry points into new therapies

Combination of Covidien's extensive emerging market R&D and manufacturing with Medtronic's well-established clinical expertise can be applied across a much broader product offering

Covidien's hospital efficiency technology enhances Medtronic's ability to deliver Economic Value to create a robust and unmatched Integrated Health franchise

Extremely attractive financially: Double-digit hurdle rate with achievable cost synergies

Combined  
company  
expected  
to  
generate  
significant  
free  
cash  
flow  
with  
greater  
deployment  
flexibility

Creates the Premier Global Medical Technology and Services Company with Comprehensive Product Portfolio and Broad Global Reach

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Combination Results in Strategic

Diversification

COVIDIEN REVENUE

1

PRO FORMA REVENUE

\$17.0B

\$10.4B

\$27.4B

CRDM

Advanced

Surgical

Ortho/Spine

Peripheral &

Endovascular

Neuro

Coronary

Diabetes

Structural Heart

General

Surgical

Patient Care

Nursing Care

Patient Monitoring

Neurovascular

MEDTRONIC FY14 REVENUE

Airway &

Vent

1. Based on last 12 months, ended March 28, 2014.

29.4%

10.3%

7.1%

5.3%

17.9%

11.2%

9.2%

9.7%

CRDM

Coronary

Structural Heart

Endo

Ortho/Spine

Neuro

Surgical Tech

Diabetes

31.9%

15.2%

11.8%

10.2%

9.8%

9.5%

7.3%

4.3%

Advanced Surgical

General Surgical

Peripheral Vascular

Patient Care

Nursing Care

Patient Monitoring

Airway & Vent

Neurovascular

18.2%

17.8%

11.1%

7.7%

6.9%

6.4%

6.1%

5.8%

4.4%

3.9%

3.7%

3.6%

2.8%

1.6%

#### Covidien Transaction Summary

Acquisition of Covidien for \$42.9 billion in cash and Medtronic stock

Covidien shareholders to own ~30% of the combined company at closing

~\$5 billion of Covidien debt to remain in place; guaranteed by

new Irish holding company

Represents per share consideration for Covidien shareholders of:

\$35.19 in cash

0.956 shares of new Medtronic shares

Offer

represents

a

29%

premium

to

last

closing

share

price

1

Transaction

Terms

Transaction

Structure

Formation of new Irish domiciled entity; current headquarter operations remain intact in Minnesota

Transaction taxable, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, to Medtronic and Covidien shareholders

Timing

Closing expected in late calendar 2014 / early calendar 2015

Subject to regulatory approvals

Subject to Medtronic and Covidien shareholder approvals

1. Based on Covidien and Medtronic closing price as of June 13, 2014.

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**COMPELLING FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Driving significant shareholder returns

Revenue Growth

Much stronger platform for diversified growth

Significant revenue synergy potential from cross-selling

## Cost Synergies

At least \$850 million pre-tax annual cost synergies by FY18;  
quickly achievable

Back office optimization, manufacturing & supply chain  
infrastructure, and certain G&A savings

EPS Impact

Cash EPS accretive in FY16

Significant cash EPS accretion thereafter

GAAP EPS neutral in FY19; accretive thereafter

Balance Sheet

Implications

Maintain access to commercial paper to support  
short-term liquidity

Increased gross debt may limit Tier 1 commercial  
paper status

Leverage

1.9x pro forma net debt to EBITDA at closing; 0.7x in FY18

3.7x pro forma gross debt to EBITDA at closing; 2.7x in FY18

Capital Allocation

Policy

Solidifies commitment to return 50% of free  
cash flow with more flexibility going forward



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ORIGINAL FINANCING MECHANISM

NEW FINANCING MECHANISM

(Announced on October 3, 2014)

Medtronic Financing Plan

Medtronic, Inc. raises approximately

\$16 billion in new external debt

Paid to Covidien shareholders

\$13.5 billion intercompany loan from  
Medtronic OUS subsidiary

\$2.8 billion in new external debt

Paid to Covidien shareholders

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Key Websites

Global MedTech Leader: <http://www.globalmedtechleader.com>

Medtronic Investor Relations: <http://investorrelations.medtronic.com>  
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Additional Resources

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