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The Boston Scientific "Stim Bus" rolled into South Florida recently to help create awareness for the medical procedure called spinal cord stimulation (SCS) therapy. The bus made a stop at Anesthesia Pain Care Consultants Inc. in Tamarac.



At top right, Dr. Ira Fox of Anesthesia Pain Care checks out the equipment on the bus while Vicki Allenbach, a Field Clinical Specialist with the "Stimsuite" program looks on. At right are some members of the Boston Scientific team: Vicki Allenbach, Rena Pacella, Clinical Specialist; Shannon Daigle, Territory Manager; Tony Frey, Regional Business Manager.



Stimulating the Industry

*"Stim Bus" Used an Educational Tool
To Raise Awareness of Implant Therapy*

Spinal cord stimulation therapy uses a small implantable device that emits electrical impulses designed to replace the feeling of pain with a tingling or "messaging" sensation that changes the pain signal to the brain.

The procedure is often prescribed for patients who have gone through other treatment programs and still have chronic pain that causes disruptions in their work and personal life.

Once the device is implanted, the user can control the amount of electrical impulses to meet their needs, using a remote control device.

According to a spokesman for Boston Scientific, the primary purpose of the Stim Bus is to create awareness of the procedure to patients and referring physicians. The bus has made previous stops at Johns Hopkins, the Mayo Clinic, Wake Forrest, University of Virginia and at Harvard Medical.

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