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### **The European Collaborative Group on Prostate Brachytherapy Reports on over 1150 Patients Treated with Oncura's RAPID Strand™**

London (November 24, 2004) - A paper describing the creation of a multi-centre database of 1175 patients was published in a recent issue of the European Journal of Urology. As a global leader in minimally invasive prostate cancer treatment ONCURA supports the publication of data that demonstrates the value of prostate brachytherapy, and are pleased to announce that the paper indicates that prostate brachytherapy is a well established treatment option in many centres across Europe.

"The use of RAPID Strand and a consistent approach to patient selection has allowed us to pool our data and increase the significance of any results we see" said the lead author, Mr. Stephen Langley, Consultant Urologist at St Luke's Cancer Centre (Guildford UK). He added "It is clear that the prostate brachytherapy approach adopted by the majority of centres in Europe lends itself to the collection and publication of data on a large number of patients".

The collaboration was aimed at examining European trends in the management of prostate cancer with brachytherapy. With harmonized data on 1175 patients secured, valuable analysis of clinical outcomes is now possible and will be the subject of future publications.

"This is an excellent piece of research, one that exemplifies the multidisciplinary approach to the management of prostate cancer typically seen in Europe," said Elizabeth Usher, ONCURA's International Vice President and General Manager. She added, "ONCURA is proud to be associated with this project and we hope that in time more centres will be able to add their data and contribute to the wealth of excellent clinical data that supports the use of RAPID Strand in Europe."

ONCURA was created through the merger of Amersham plc's brachytherapy business and Galil Medical Ltd's urology business. Galil is a subsidiary of Elron (ELRN). Headquartered in the United States, ONCURA operates as an independent business, with a major presence in the treatment of prostate cancer. ONCURA's International business is operated from its UK subsidiary. On April 8, 2004, General Electric (GE) completed its previously announced acquisition of Amersham.