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# Arch Therapeutics Clinical Trial Actively Enrolling Patients and Providing Investigational Treatment

## Major Milestone Along Path Toward Commercialization of AC5

FRAMINGHAM, MA -- (Marketwired) -- 03/07/16 -- Arch Therapeutics, Inc. (OTCQB: ARTH) ("Arch" or the "Company"), developer of the AC5 Surgical Hemostatic Device™ ("AC5™"), has initiated patient enrollment and treatment in its first clinical trial in Western Europe.

Terrence W. Norchi, MD, President and CEO of Arch, said, "The start of this trial marks a major milestone for the Company. It is firmly underway with patients being actively screened, enrolled, and treated or scheduled for treatment. Our team has put in tremendous effort to get us to this point and we are pleased with this progress."

The randomized controlled single-blind investigation is designed to assess safety and performance of AC5 during the course of a dermatological procedure performed in up to approximately 45 patients, of whom 10 will be taking an antiplatelet medication (commonly referred to as a "blood thinner") during the study period. Patients participating in the study will have at least two dermatological lesions removed surgically. One of the wounds created as a result of the excision will receive AC5 while the other will receive a control treatment.

The endpoints include product related adverse effects and time to hemostasis. Follow-up assessments of patients are planned for seven and 30 days following the procedure. As previously stated, data are projected to be available within two quarters of the start of the trial.

Dr. Norchi added, "This clinical trial is a key component of our commercialization plan, representing the first time that AC5 has been used on humans in a surgical setting. Further, it highlights that Arch has completed a number of important achievements that are required before a patient could be treated with AC5. As we are getting closer to bringing AC5 to market, we continue to advance our pre-clinical work and clinical-regulatory planning for additional indications for AC5 and other products, in each case with the ultimate goal of making a difference in patients' lives."

### ***About Arch Therapeutics, Inc.***

Arch Therapeutics, Inc. is a biotechnology company developing a novel approach to stop bleeding (hemostasis) and control leaking (sealant) during surgery and trauma care. Arch is developing products based on an innovative self-assembling peptide technology platform to make surgery and interventional care faster and safer for patients. Arch's flagship development stage product candidate, known as the AC5 Surgical Hemostatic Device™, is being designed to achieve hemostasis in minimally invasive and open surgical procedures

and is intended to be regulated as a medical device.

Find out more at [www.archtherapeutics.com](http://www.archtherapeutics.com).

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