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SUMMIT ORTHOPEDICS RECEIVES JCAHO GOLD SEAL OF APPROVAL

Minneapolis/St. Paul (April 12th, 2007) – Summit Orthopedics is proud to announce that their Landmark Surgery Center and Woodbury Ambulatory Surgery Center received The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval - JCAHO Accreditation. Landmark Surgery Center and Woodbury Ambulatory Surgery Center are the very first freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers in the State of Minnesota to receive Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) Accreditation. "This is an important milestone at Summit and an honor within the healthcare community, said Dr. Jack Drogt, president of Summit Orthopedics. Joint Commission accreditation is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting certain performance standards.

The Joint Commission is focused on improving the safety and quality of care provided to the public. The Joint Commission accomplishes this goal by accrediting health care organizations and offering health care performance improvement services. They evaluate and accredit nearly 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States.

On April 5th and 6th, the employees at Landmark Surgery Center and Woodbury Ambulatory Surgery Center successfully completed the JCAHO survey. This rigorous evaluation focuses on continuous improvement of operations and internal systems that directly impact the quality and safety of patient care. The survey process evaluates actual care processes by tracing patients through the care, treatment, and services they received. The survey also analyzes key operational systems that directly impact the quality and safety of patient care.

Said Ken Brockman, CEO of Summit Orthopedics, "We would like to thank all the employees involved in the accreditation for their hard work and dedication to this exciting opportunity. We would have not been able to receive the gold seal of approval without our employees. Their time, energy, and commitment are truly appreciated."

Summit Orthopedics provides top-of-the-line general and subspecialty orthopedic care. We are a leader in providing professional, high quality, cost-effective orthopedic care to our patients. Summit Orthopedics has seven clinic locations, all conveniently located throughout the Eastern Twin Cities metro area. For additional information please visit www.summitortho.com or call (651) 842-5200.

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