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### **Gastroenterology Consultants, P.A. achieves MGMA ‘better performer’ status**

(HOLLYWOOD, FL), (Feb-19-2008) – The Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) *Performance and Practices of Successful Medical Groups: 2007 Report Based on 2006 Data* identified (Gastroenterology Consultants, P.A.) as a “better performer” because of superior operational performance compared with similar medical group practices nationwide.

The physicians of the practice are among the most highly productive in the specialty of gastroenterology throughout the United States based upon comparative data. The combination of experience, clinical expertise and a successful business model has allowed the practice to accomplish this achievement.

This is the first time that Gastroenterology Consultants, P.A. has been recognized in this way. The practice has been in continuous operation for almost 40 years and is the largest practice of its type in South Broward County. In 2005, the physicians in the group developed and now operate South Broward Endoscopy, a licensed and accredited ambulatory surgery center (ASC).

“We are proud to see the practice’s commitment to clinical productivity and administrative performance and how it positively affects patients by improving access to our services. We are particularly pleased to have the group recognized by MGMA and be among such a successful assembly of peer groups.”

*Wayne B. Schonfeld, M.D., F.A.C.G., Managing Shareholder*

The MGMA report, a benchmarking standard among medical groups for nearly a decade, was produced using data from respondents to the *MGMA Cost Survey: 2007 Reports Based on 2006 Data* as well as data from a questionnaire that assessed management behaviors, practices and procedures of better performers. The report profiles medical practices that have demonstrated success in one or more areas: profitability and cost management; productivity, capacity and staffing; accounts receivable and collections; patient satisfaction; and managed care operations.

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#### **About Gastroenterology Consultants, P.A.**

Founded in 1970 in Hollywood, the practice now operates offices in Hollywood and Cooper City in addition to its ASC in Cooper City. In 2007, the group was comprised of six physicians and three mid-level providers who collectively performed more than 13,000 procedures and provided more than 29,000 office or hospital-based consultations and/or visits.

#### **About MGMA**

MGMA, founded in 1926, is the nation's principal voice for medical group practice. MGMA's more than 21,500 members manage and lead 13,500 organizations, in which more than 270,000 physicians practice. MGMA's core purpose is to improve the effectiveness of medical group practices and the knowledge and skills of the individuals who manage and lead them. MGMA headquarters are in Englewood, Colo. Please visit [mgma.com](http://mgma.com).