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OA Recognized as ‘Best Performer’ in National Study by Ambulatory Health Care Association

AAAHC Institute’s 2007 Knee Arthroscopy with Meniscectomy Benchmarking Study Identifies OA Having Lowest Pre-Procedure and Procedure Time

Portland, Maine, June 10, 2008 – OA Centers for Orthopaedics, the premier orthopedic practice in Maine and one of the country’s leading innovators in orthopedics, today announced that it has been recognized as a ‘Best Performer’ in the AAAHC Institute’s 2007 Knee Arthroscopy with Meniscectomy Benchmarking Study. OA was identified as a facility with among the lowest pre-procedure time - defined as the time a patient checks in until the time the procedure begins - and the lowest procedure time - defined as the surgery start time until the time that the surgery is finished – among participating orthopedic surgery centers around the country.

The AAAHC Institute is a non-profit organization offering ambulatory health care organizations with opportunities to learn about and become involved in performance measurement, benchmarking and quality improvement.

“The people, technology and processes we have developed over the years at OA are all focused on creating the best possible experience and outcomes for our patients,” said John Wipfler, CEO of OA Centers for Orthopaedics. “This recognition confirms our ongoing commitment to providing quality care for patients throughout northern New England.”

OA’s unique, sub-specialty orthopedic practice allows physicians and surgeons to concentrate on a particular anatomical area of the body such as the shoulder, hand, spine, hip, knee, or ankle/foot and become experts in the diagnosis, repair and physical rehabilitation of related injuries. Today, the OA Centers for Orthopaedics performs more surgical procedures than any other orthopaedic practice in Maine. In fact, OA recently reached a milestone by treating its 200,000 patient.

OA’s Orthopaedic Surgery Center (OSC) is a nationally recognized facility that features state-of-the-art operating rooms that harness the full power of computer and digital

technology - the first surgery centers in Maine to do so. Digital technology provides enhanced viewing fields during surgery, comprehensive electronic imaging, and advanced computer connectivity for remote retrieval and evaluation of patient diagnostics, including MRI's, CT scans and x-rays. This leading-edge facility, developed by OA, represents a significant investment in the latest advances in surgical and medical technology, safety and patient care. As a result, the doctors at OA have taken a leadership role both regionally and nationally to fully research, understand and perform Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) operations.

About OA Centers for Orthopaedics

Founded in 1982, OA Centers for Orthopaedics is the premier orthopedic practice in Maine and one of the country's leading innovators in orthopedics. OA's 23 physicians and surgeons are highly specialized in areas such as sports medicine; hand surgery; joint reconstruction of the hip, knee and shoulder; medical and surgical treatment of the spine; foot and ankle surgery; and complex fracture treatment. OA performs more orthopedic procedures than any other practice in Maine, and some of the most sophisticated procedures in the nation. In 2007, US News & World Report ranked Maine Medical Center in the top 50 in the orthopedics category. OA's very own Dr. George Babikian, Chairman of the Division of Orthopaedics, and Dr. Raymond White, Chairman of Orthopaedic Trauma, lead Maine Medical Center's capability in this category. OA is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).

Headquartered in Portland, Maine, OA has satellite offices in Scarborough, Windham and Yarmouth. OA—Experience in motion. For more information, please visit www.orthoassociates.com.

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