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CONCORD'S NORTHEAST ORTHOPEDICS MERGES WITH ORTHOCAROLINA

Region's Leading Orthopedic Group Grows to Provide Convenient Access to Care for Broader Patient Network

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (April 4, 2011) – OrthoCarolina, one of the most comprehensive orthopedic groups in the Carolinas, today announced the addition of Concord, N.C.-based NorthEast Orthopedics.

“We’re pleased to welcome a consolidated NorthEast Orthopedics team to the OrthoCarolina family,” said Dan Murrey, MD, chief executive officer of OrthoCarolina. “We look forward to continuing to offer Concord residents convenient access to world-class orthopedic care and service.”

OrthoCarolina Concord will continue to offer general orthopedic care as well as access to fellowship-trained foot and ankle, hand, spine and sports medicine specialists.

The OrthoCarolina Concord team includes nine physicians from the former NorthEast Orthopedics practice, including Robert Beaver, MD; David Burke, MD; Robert Erdin, MD; James Hendrix, MD; James Loftus Jr., MD; Michael Meighen, MD; R. Grant Mostak, MD; Thomas Sikes Jr., MD; and James Skahen III, MD. The group also includes five physician assistants: Timothy Boyd, PA-C; Eddie Davis, PA-C; Jonathan Faggart, PA-C; Scot Rheinecker PA-C; and Traci Stokes PA-C.

“Concord patients can expect us to build on the commitment to quality, service, community and teamwork they’ve come to know from our team,” said James Skahen III, MD. “In addition, we’ll implement enhancements aimed at creating a simple, stress-free, patient-friendly experience.”

The NorthEast Orthopedics merger is OrthoCarolina’s third since late last year. In February, the group announced the addition of Boone Orthopaedics in Boone, N.C. OrthoCarolina also added three offices in eastern North Carolina via a merger with Laurinburg-based Scotland Orthopedics in October 2010. The practice now includes 94 physicians at 20 offices located throughout the Carolinas.

About OrthoCarolina

As one of the nation’s leading orthopedic practices with offices across the Carolinas, OrthoCarolina is your destination for comprehensive orthopedic care. Leveraging our physicians’ expertise in the areas of foot and ankle, hand, hip and knee, shoulder and elbow, spine, sports medicine and pediatrics; and providing services that include physical therapy, MRI and post-surgical support; we can offer you a continuum of care unmatched in the region.

OrthoCarolina. You. Improved. Visit us at www.orthocarolina.com.

About NorthEast Orthopedics

With a history of excellent patient care dating back to 1965, NorthEast Orthopedics was formed in 1999 as a merger between Cabarrus Orthopedic Clinic and The Orthopedic Group of Concord. Our physicians and physician assistants specialize in orthopedic surgery, which deals with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries of the bones, muscles, tendons, nerves and ligaments in adults and children. Specialites include sports medicine; hand and wrist; shoulder and elbow; foot and ankle; spine; and total joint replacement.

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