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SPINE TEAM TEXAS RECEIVES AAAHC ACCREDITATION
Facility Sails Through Process with No Deficiencies

Southlake, Texas (September 9, 2008) – Dr. David Rothbart, medical director, neurosurgeon and founder of Spine Team Texas, today announced that Spine Team Texas has achieved a three-year accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC/Accreditation Association). Accreditation distinguishes Spine Team Texas from many other outpatient surgical facilities by providing a safe work environment and the highest quality of care to patients. Additionally, Spine Team Texas passed the accreditation process with no deficiencies.

Status as an accredited organization means Spine Team Texas has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care, set by the Accreditation Association. More than 3,600 ambulatory health care organizations across the United States are accredited by the AAHC. Not all ambulatory care organizations seek accreditation; not all undergoing the on-site survey are granted accreditation. AAAHC accreditation is specifically for organizations that provide diagnostic or medical care on an outpatient basis – where an overnight stay would not be required.

“At Spine Team Texas, we strive to deliver not only the best patient outcomes through clinical excellence, but also the best patient experience,” said Dr. Rothbart. “Having our facility and procedures closely examined by an independent, not-for-profit organization reinforces the commitment we all share to make a difference in the lives of our patients.”

Added Rothbart. “This Accreditation is a true testament to the team-focused approach we practice every day. Congratulations to the entire staff of our Ambulatory Surgery Center – everyone is responsible for spearheading the success in our accreditation. It is remarkable.”

Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation by the AAAHC undergo an extensive self-assessment and on-site survey by the Accreditation Association’s expert surveyors – volunteer physicians, nurses and administrators—who are actively involved in ambulatory health care. The survey is consultative and educational, presenting best practices to help an organization improve its care and services.

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About Spine Team Texas

A premier regional spine center of excellence, Spine Team Texas specializes in back and neck problems ranging from simple back or neck strains to the most complex spine surgery. Through its in-depth knowledge and team atmosphere, Spine Team Texas is dedicated to treating patients conservatively through education, physical therapy, non-surgical treatments, and minimally invasive spine surgery when necessary. The team of physicians specializing in non-surgical spine care, spine-specialized neurosurgeons, spine-focused physical therapists and on-site registered nurses strive to ensure that patients return to everyday activities. Established in December 2004, Spine Team Texas is headquartered in Southlake, Texas, and has additional offices in Rockwall, Texas and Bedford, Texas. For more information about Spine Team Texas, visit www.spineteamtexas.com.

About The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care

The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC/Accreditation Association), founded in 1979, is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation with more than 3,600 organizations accredited nationwide. The AAAHC accredits a variety of ambulatory health care organizations, including ambulatory surgery centers, office-based surgery centers, endoscopy centers, college student health centers, and large medical and dental practices. The Accreditation Association serves as an advocate for the provision of high quality health care through the development of nationally recognized standards and through its survey and accreditation programs. AAAHC accreditation is recognized as a symbol of quality by third-party payers, medical organizations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies and the public.