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Spine Team Texas Physical Therapist Earns “Exclusive” National Designation

Named one of only 6,700 orthopaedic certified specialists in the country

Southlake, TX – August 3, 2006 – Justin Keller, PT, MPT, OCS, CSCS, physical therapy manager of Spine Team Texas, was awarded the prestigious designation of orthopaedic certified specialist by the American Physical Therapy Association.

Of approximately 66,000 physical therapists represented by the American Physical Therapy Association, only 6,745 individuals have achieved the advanced clinical knowledge, experience and skills necessary to take the rigorous examination leading to certification.

“Justin’s designation as an orthopaedic certified specialist brings the quality of our physical therapy services to a whole new level of expertise to benefit our patients,” says David Rothbart, M.D., a neurosurgeon and medical director of Spine Team Texas. “We are fortunate to have someone with Justin’s credentials lead our physical therapy department.”

A graduate of Northern Arizona State University with a master’s degree in physical therapy, Keller specializes in treatment of patients with orthopedic conditions, especially of the spine. He is also a certified strength and conditioning specialist, a designation from the National Strength and Conditioning Association, which qualifies him to develop individual personal training programs emphasizing athletic conditioning. He is currently an active member of the North American Spine Society. In addition, he is a partner in Physical Therapy Performance Resource, an organization providing continuing education to physical therapists in several Southwestern states.

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Keller lives in Coppell and enjoys soccer, golf and woodworking. He is a referee with the United States Soccer Association and a member of the American Association of Woodturners.

Spine Team Texas, a premier regional spine center in North Texas, specializes in minimally invasive spine surgery and nonsurgical treatment for back and neck conditions.

The center is among 25 centers nationwide investigating the first CerviCore™ artificial disc, a landmark technology that has the potential to benefit people with degenerative disc disease or traumatic injury to the cervical (upper) spine. The unique artificial disc replaces the patient's damaged natural disc to alleviate pain, restore mobility and improve quality of life.

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