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## **LOCAL PHYSICAL THERAPIST NAMED ONE OF “THERAPY TIMES 25 MOST INFLUENTIAL”**

*-Justin Keller honored in nationwide search-*

**SOUTHLAKE, TEXAS (November 14, 2006)** – Justin Keller, physical therapy manager of Spine Team Texas, was named one of the “25 Most Influential” physical therapists in the nation today by *Therapy Times*, a leading online resource for therapeutic professionals nationwide. Keller has been with the Southlake practice since December 2004.

“Justin is a truly dedicated physical therapist,” said David Rothbart, M.D., a board-certified neurosurgeon and the medical director of Spine Team Texas. “It’s not surprising that he has received this honor considering how much Justin strives to give back to his profession.”

Keller is fast becoming one of the premier physical therapists in the region. In August, Keller was awarded the orthopaedic certified specialist designation by the American Physical Therapy Association, a distinction only ten percent of physical therapists possess. This most recent recognition places Keller in a truly elite class of physical therapists.

“The *Therapy Times* Most Influential issue is significant because it recognizes the top 25 powerful people going above and beyond the call of their profession’s duty, inspiring others and advancing their discipline,” says *Therapy Times* publisher Heather Brennan Koitzsch, RD. “This year, we received an overwhelming number of responses, but, Justin Keller PT, MPT, OCS, CSCS, stood out with his unparalleled dedication to educating others, devotion to enhancing his patients’ quality of life through improved treatment methods, and unwavering commitment to shaping a better physical therapy profession for tomorrow. He certainly deserves the prestigious honor of being one of *Therapy Times*’ 25 Most Influential.”

When he’s not at Spine Team Texas, Keller is a partner in Physical Therapy Performance Resource, an organization that provides continuing education to physical therapists throughout the Southwest. He also has contributed to the development of post-operative protocols for spinal surgeries and recently contributed to a book being written about artificial disc replacement. Spine Team Texas performed one of these ground-breaking surgeries in November 2005.

Keller received his master’s degree in physical therapy from Northern Arizona University and is a certified strength and conditioning specialist, a designation from the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

To view a complete list of the 25 most influential physical therapists, visit [www.therapytimes.com](http://www.therapytimes.com).

To learn more about Spine Team Texas, visit [www.spineteamtexas.com](http://www.spineteamtexas.com).

Editor's Note: Justin Keller will be available for interviews.

### **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, nonsurgical treatments, and minimally invasive spine surgery when necessary. The team of physiatrists, neurosurgeons, spine-specialized physical therapists and on-site registered nurses strive to ensure that patients return to everyday activities without back and neck pain following treatment. Established in December 2004, Spine Team Texas is headquartered in Southlake, Texas, and has additional offices in Bedford, Texas, Las Colinas/Irving, Texas, and Flower Mound, Texas. For more information about Spine Team Texas, visit [www.spineteamtexas.com](http://www.spineteamtexas.com).

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