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**LOCAL DOCTOR SELECTED TO PRESENT AT  
PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORUM**

*-David Rothbart, MD to Present Paper on Artificial Disc Replacement-*

**Southlake, Texas (May 18, 2007)** –Dr. David Rothbart, medical director, neurosurgeon and founder of Spine Team Texas has been selected by the European Section of the Cervical Spine Research Society (CSRS) to present at its annual meeting in Leuven, Belgium, May 30 to June 1.

Dr. Rothbart will be leading the presentation, “Early radiologic outcomes of cervical arthroplasty with the CerviCore® disc prosthesis.” The paper was one of only 38 selected for presentation at the conference. More than 138 papers were submitted to the CSRS for a blind review.

In November 2005, Dr. Rothbart was the first neurosurgeon in the world to implant the CerviCore® Cervical Intervertebral Disc Replacement System. The procedure was designed to replace a damaged cervical disc, which can cause debilitating pain, numbness, tingling, muscle weakness and radiating pain in the neck, arms and shoulders.

The manufacturer of the cervical artificial disc partnered with the nation’s leading back and neck surgeons at 25 centers around the country to evaluate whether the cervical artificial disc would alleviate pain and symptoms, restore mobility and improve function for patients with degenerative disc disease or traumatic injury to the cervical area of the spine.

Dr. Rothbart's experience with this procedure and expertise made him a natural contender for this year’s conference as the focus of the three-day meeting will be biomechanics and motion preservation.

**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 physicians specializing in non-surgical spine care, 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

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treatment. Established in December 2004, Spine Team Texas is headquartered in Southlake, Texas, and has additional offices in Bedford, Texas, Las Colinas, Texas, and Flower Mound, Texas. For more information about Spine Team Texas, visit [www.spineteamtexas.com](http://www.spineteamtexas.com).

**About Dr. David Rothbart**

A board-certified and fellowship-trained neurosurgeon, David Rothbart, M.D., is the founder of Spine Team Texas, one of North Texas' premier regional spine center offering diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation to treat neck and back pain. Dr. Rothbart trained at Yale University and specializes in minimally invasive spine surgery. He was the chief resident in neurosurgery and a clinical instructor at Yale-New Haven Medical Center, a teaching hospital of the Yale University School of Medicine. After completing a fellowship at the prestigious Barrow Neurological Institute in Arizona, Dr. Rothbart was in private practice in Chicago, where he was Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery at Rush Medical College. He came to the Dallas metroplex in 2002. For more information about Dr. Rothbart and Spine Team Texas, visit [www.spineteamtexas.com](http://www.spineteamtexas.com).

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