

## **HEALTHSOUTH Comments on New Physician Partners and Osteoarthritis Procedures**

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HEALTHSOUTH Corporation today announced the addition of 60 new physician partners bringing the total of new physician partners under the previously announced surgery center syndication program to 721. The Company has a goal of adding 1,000 new partners.

"I am very pleased to welcome our new physician partners," said Richard M. Scrushy, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of HEALTHSOUTH. "Our success under this initiative has resulted in seven consecutive quarters of strong same store volume growth in our surgery center business. The addition of these new partners should help this trend continue."

In response to questions regarding arthroscopic osteoarthritis knee cases performed in the Company's surgery centers, HEALTHSOUTH stated that it performed approximately 1,000 such cases over the last twelve months. This represents approximately 0.10% of the Company's 886,461 surgical cases performed over the last twelve months.

HEALTHSOUTH is the nation's largest provider of outpatient surgery, diagnostic imaging and rehabilitative healthcare services, with approximately 1,900 locations in all 50 states, the United Kingdom, Australia, Puerto Rico and Canada. HEALTHSOUTH can be found on the Web at <http://www.healthsouth.com/>.

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