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AAAHC AWARDS ITS FIRST ADVANCED ORTHOPAEDIC CERTIFICATION

*The Minnesota Valley Surgery Center Achieves Certification
Specializing in Total Joint Replacements*

(Skokie, Ill.) July 22, 2019 — The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), the industry leader in ambulatory health care accreditation, recently awarded the Minnesota Valley Surgery Center (Burnsville, MN) with the first AAAHC Advanced Orthopaedic Certification—since its official launch in October 2018—focusing on total joint replacements. The certification is designed for ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) that provide a high quality of care and comply with rigorous, specialty-focused standards.

“We perform a variety of orthopaedic procedures and our patients know they can turn to us for expert medical care,” said Total Joint Medical Director, Robert Hartman, M.D. of the Minnesota Valley Surgery Center. “Building upon our ongoing compliance to AAAHC Accreditation requirements, our Advanced Orthopaedic Certification emphasizes our commitment to continually improving our orthopaedic processes and performance.”

To achieve Advanced Orthopaedic Certification, the Minnesota Valley Surgery Center underwent a rigorous onsite survey. Surveyors evaluated the ASC’s approach to the continuum of care for total joint replacement patients, beginning with the pre-admission consultation and education, surgery, discharge follow-up, and rehabilitation. The center demonstrated use of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, ongoing performance improvement strategies, and an effective organizational infrastructure aimed at providing safe and effective care.

“The Minnesota Valley Surgery Center has demonstrated its dedication to ongoing learning and staying *1095 Strong* throughout the 1,095-days between surveys that is key to building best practices and long-term results,” said Noel Adachi, MBA, president and CEO of AAAHC. “We are proud to partner with a surgery center that has invested in ongoing quality improvement and prioritizes patient safety and quality of care across all teams and departments.”

This three-year certification program, launched in the fall of 2018, was designed by an expert panel of practicing professionals in orthopaedic and spine procedures. AAAHC-Accredited organizations wanting to achieve this certification may choose from two types of advanced certification, total joint or complex spine. Centers can also pursue a combined certification that addresses both specialties.

The Minnesota Valley Surgery Center joins two ASCs, the Surgery Center of Long Beach (Long Beach, CA) and the Gold Coast Surgicenter (Chicago, IL), who both received certification during the soft launch phase.

To contact the AAAHC Orthopaedic Certification Team, email orthopaedic@aaahc.org, call 847-853-6060, or visit <http://www.aaahc.org/certification>.

About AAAHC

Founded in 1979, AAAHC is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation, with more than 6,100 organizations accredited. We accredit a wide range of outpatient settings, including ambulatory surgery centers, office-based surgery facilities, endoscopy centers, student health centers, medical and dental group practices, community health centers, employer-based health clinics, retail clinics, and Indian/Tribal health centers, among others.

AAAHC advocates for the provision of high-quality health care through the development and adoption of nationally recognized standards. We provide a valuable survey experience founded on a peer-based, educational approach to on-site review. The AAAHC Certificate of Accreditation demonstrates an organization's commitment to providing safe, high-quality services to its patients—*every day of the 1,095-day accreditation cycle*. It is recognized by third-party payers, medical professional associations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies, and the public. For more information on AAAHC, please visit www.aaahc.org.

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