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University Orthopedics Physician Appointed AOFAS Program Chairman

Providence, RI – March 2, 2005 - University Orthopedics Physician Dr. Christopher W. DiGiovanni has been accepted into the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society as its Program Chairman for the year 2007.

The AOFAS is a group of foot and ankle orthopedic surgeons. In order to become a member, physicians must have completed medical school and five years of orthopaedic training in surgical and medical treatment. Through this group surgeons are given educational and professional opportunities and also the chance to research technological advances that would lead to the best possible care for their patients.

Dr. DiGiovanni is in the final stages of receiving approval for his total ankle replacement design by the FDA. Dr. DiGiovanni's area of expertise is ankle joint replacement and he plans to implant this new ankle design into his first patient within the next several months. This ankle replacement design will revolutionize the world of ankle surgery with its new technology.

Selected by AOFAS as the very first traveling fellow, Dr. DiGiovanni graduated from Dartmouth College and received his MD from the Brown-Dartmouth Program. He completed his Orthopaedic residency and an additional year of Orthopaedic trauma training at Brown University. Dr. DiGiovanni then pursued another year of fellowship training in total joint replacement and reconstruction at Cornell University Medical College-The Hospital For Special Surgery, as well as arthroscopy/sports medicine of the foot and ankle at Harbor-UCLA and USC Affiliated Hospitals. He followed this with a foot and ankle reconstructive and trauma fellowship at the University of Washington-Harborview Medical Center, Seattle. Dr. DiGiovanni later returned to Brown University as Chief of the Foot and Ankle Service. Dr. DiGiovanni is also a member of University Orthopedics Inc.

University Orthopedics, Inc. (UOI) is the state's largest group of orthopedic surgeons. Each physician on the University Orthopedics staff is a member of the Brown Medical School faculty. This allows the UOI physician to participate in new research opportunities and technological advances in the field of Orthopaedics. The research will improve the outcome of care for patients of University Orthopedics physicians.

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