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#### Pinnacle Orthopaedics Surgery Center-Austell Receives AAAHC Accreditation

Austell, GA—May 24, 2011—Pinnacle Orthopaedics Surgery Center-Austell (POSCA) has achieved accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). Accreditation distinguishes this surgical center from many other outpatient surgical facilities by providing a safe work environment and the highest quality of care to its patients.

Status as an accredited organization means POSCA has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care set by AAAHC. Almost 5,000 ambulatory health care organizations seek accreditation; not all undergoing the on-site survey are granted accreditation.

“We believe our patients deserve the best, and therefore we are committed to offering state of the art facilities,” stated Dr. Mark Duffield, Medical Director of POSCA. “When you see our certificate of accreditation, you will know that AAAHC, an independent, not-for-profit organization, has closely examined our facility and procedures. It means that we as an organization care enough about our patients to strive for the highest possible care.”

Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation by AAAHC undergo an extensive self-assessment and on-site survey by AAAHC expert surveyors—volunteer physicians, nurses, and administrators who are actively involved in ambulatory health care. The survey is consultative and educational, presenting best practices to help an organization improve its care and services.

“Going through the process challenged us to find better ways to serve our patients, and it is a constant reminder of our responsibility to meet the highest standards of patient care,” said Duffield.

AAAHC accreditation is specifically for organizations that provide diagnostic or medical care on an outpatient basis – where an overnight stay would not be required. Among the types of ambulatory health care

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organizations that can seek AAAHC accreditation are ambulatory and office-based surgery centers, single and multi-specialty group practices, college health centers, dental group practices, community health centers, occupational health centers, and managed care organizations.

**Pinnacle Orthopaedics Surgery Center Austell (POSCA)**, founded in October of 2010, is a state-of-the-art ambulatory surgery center where surgeons perform outpatient, orthopaedic surgical procedures. It is owned by physician members of Pinnacle Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Specialists, which was founded in 1997. The center is located at 3672 Marathon Circle, suite 120 Austell, GA 30106. For more information, please call 678-945-8551 or visit [www.pinnacle-ortho.com](http://www.pinnacle-ortho.com).

**The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)**, founded in 1979, is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation with almost 5,000 organizations accredited nationwide. AAAHC accredits a variety of ambulatory health care organizations, including ambulatory surgery centers, office-based surgery centers, endoscopy centers, college student health centers, military health care clinics, and large medical and dental practices. AAAHC serves as an advocate for the provision of high-quality health care through the development of nationally recognized standards and through its survey and accreditation programs. AAAHC accreditation is recognized as a symbol of quality by third-party payers, medical organizations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies and the public.