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### Dr. Bartolomei Named Partner at Spine Team Texas

June 16, 2006 – Southlake, TX – Spine Team Texas, a regional center of excellence for spine care, announces that Juan Bartolomei, M.D., has been named a partner in the practice. Dr. Bartolomei is a neurosurgeon specializing in complex spinal disorders and the latest technology such as minimally invasive spine surgery.

Last November, Dr. Bartolomei and David Rothbart, M.D., medical director of Spine Team Texas, performed the first clinical trial in the country for a unique cervical artificial disc replacement, a procedure that replaces a patient's damaged natural disc in the neck with a synthetic one.

Dr. Bartolomei is also a frequent lecturer on spine disorders and has been involved in training premier spine surgeons throughout the country. He actively serves as a member of the Outcomes Committee for the Joint Spine Section of the American Academy of Neurological Surgeons.

“Dr. Bartolomei's expertise further enhances our capability at Spine Team Texas,” says Dr. Rothbart. “We have an outstanding team dedicated to offering patients new and improved methods for reducing pain, increasing mobility and improving quality of life.”

Before joining Spine Team Texas in 2004, Dr. Bartolomei was an assistant professor of neurosurgery at the Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, CT. He is a cum laude graduate of Yale University School of Medicine, and was chief resident and a clinical instructor in neurosurgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He completed a neurosurgery fellowship at the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, AZ.

Dr. Bartolomei resides in Colleyville with his wife and four children. He and his wife actively support many local civic organizations dedicated to children, including Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School and the Spine Team Texas' annual “Healing Hands with Compassionate Hearts” Reception, which benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas. He also spearheads the active involvement and development of the Spine Team Texas summer internship program that supports local high school students interested in pursuing a career in the medical field.

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