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**Texas Spine & Joint Hospital Celebrates Five Years of Service
with National Recognition from HealthGrades®**

Tyler, TX (January 14, 2008) – Texas Spine & Joint Hospital (TSJH) will celebrate its first five years of service in East Texas with a “Five Years, Five Stars” reception on January 22, 2008, from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at 1814 Roseland Blvd. in Tyler. The reception will feature an awards presentation by HealthGrades to Texas Spine & Joint Hospital at 10:45 a.m., as the Recipient of the HealthGrades Spine Surgery Excellence Award™ for 2008.

Texas Spine & Joint Hospital received this top distinction in spine surgery for being ranked in the top 5% in the nation for spine surgery according to the *Tenth Annual HealthGrades Hospital Quality in America Study*.

The study also found that **Texas Spine & Joint Hospital** is:

- Five-Star Rated for Joint Replacement (2007-2008)
- Five-Star Rated for Spine Surgery (2006-2008)
- Five-Star Rated for Total Knee Replacement (2007-2008)
- Five-Star Rated for Back and Neck Surgery (2006-2008)

HealthGrades is the leading independent healthcare ratings company analyzing patient outcomes at virtually all of the nation's 5,000 hospitals. Quality recognition by HealthGrades is based on an objective, detailed analysis of three years of risk-adjusted Medicare patient data in clinical outcomes. Hospitals that perform statistically better than expected for clinical outcomes receive a five star rating.

“Achieving the highest quality in patient satisfaction and outcomes is the primary focus of Texas Spine & Joint Hospital. The physicians and staff at TSJH are honored to be recognized by HealthGrades for the five star designations and Spine Surgery Excellence Award™,” said Tony Wahl, chief executive officer for Texas Spine & Joint Hospital.

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The community is invited to attend the reception and awards ceremony. Refreshments will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Texas Spine & Joint Hospital is a fully-equipped, 20 bed hospital dedicated to spine and orthopedic services. TSJH opened its doors in December 2002 and currently performs more than 16,000 procedures and surgeries a year with two locations. For information about Texas Spine & Joint Hospital please call Nancy Johnson, 903-525-7002.

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