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**Texas Spine & Joint Hospital Ranked #1 in Texas for Spine Surgery
by HealthGrades®**

Tyler, TX (November 10, 2008) – According to the Eleventh Annual HealthGrades Hospitals in America Study, Texas Spine & Joint Hospital (TSJH) is ranked #1 in Texas for Spine Surgery for 2009. The study, released in October 2008, showed that the outcomes for spine surgery at TSJH for 2005-2007 not only exceeded quality expectations, giving TSJH a five-star rating, but were the highest in the state of Texas. “It is the unwavering commitment to quality and safety from our staff and physicians that has made this achievement possible,” said Tony Wahl, chief executive officer for TSJH. “We are seeing these successes in the faces of our patients every day.” In addition to the top spot in Texas in 2009, for the fourth year in a row Texas Spine & Joint Hospital has been ranked in the top 5% in the nation for spine surgery (2006-2009).

TSJH will be holding an awards reception on November 13, 2008, from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at 1814 Roseland Blvd. in Tyler. Mayor Barbara Bass will participate in the awards presentation at 10:45 a.m., recognizing Texas Spine & Joint Hospital as the #1 hospital in Texas for Spine Surgery and the Recipient of the HealthGrades Spine Surgery Excellence Award™ for 2009 with comments from U.S. Representative Louie Gohmert to follow.

HealthGrades is the leading independent healthcare ratings company analyzing patient outcomes in terms of mortality and complication rates 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 data in clinical outcomes. Hospitals that perform statistically better than expected for clinical outcomes receive a five star rating.

Texas Spine & Joint Hospital is a fully-equipped, 20 bed physician-owned hospital dedicated to spine and orthopedic services and currently performs more than 16,000 procedures and surgeries a year with three locations.

For information about this event or Texas Spine & Joint Hospital please call Nancy Johnson, Marketing Director for Texas Spine & Joint Hospital at 903-521-5145.

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