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**Central States Orthopedics and Eastern Oklahoma Orthopedic Center Affiliate to Form
Advanced Orthopedics of Oklahoma**

February 6, 2017, Tulsa, OK—Two of Tulsa's most established and innovative orthopedic groups recently joined to form Advanced Orthopedics of Oklahoma. The affiliation, between Central States Orthopedics (CSO) and Eastern Oklahoma Orthopedic Center (EOOC), will combine the strengths of both organizations to allow them to better serve patients in the Tulsa and surrounding communities. The larger group is now comprised of 29 physicians whose collective goal is to continue to provide superior patient care and service.

Advanced Orthopedics of Oklahoma differs from most groups of its kind which are typically affiliated with a hospital system, often resulting in less autonomy in patient care. By preserving the independence of the group, the organization can focus on a patient-centered approach and the doctor-patient relationship.

Over fifteen years ago, physicians from both CSO and EOOC partnered with other local specialists to form Oklahoma Surgical Hospital, which has been nationally recognized as a leader in the delivery of quality, personalized health care. Oklahoma Surgical Hospital is the only hospital in Tulsa, and one of the only 102 hospitals in the nation, to receive a 5-Star rating from Medicare. They have been ranked by HealthGrades as one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Joint Replacement, along with receiving 5-star ratings for Total Knee Replacement, Total Hip Replacement and Spinal Fusion Surgery. CareChex, a division of Quartos, Inc. ranks Oklahoma Surgical Hospital in the top 1% in the nation, and #1 in Oklahoma, for Major Orthopedic Surgery. Oklahoma Surgical Hospital is also ranked 2nd in the nation for the lowest readmission rate following hip and knee surgery by Medicare.

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The goal of the affiliation of the CSO and EOOO would be much the same as their efforts with Oklahoma Surgical Hospital, to create and maintain a quality and cost-effective approach to orthopedic care combined with a personalized approach to the health care experience.

David Long, COO of Advanced Orthopedics, feels the affiliation will have a positive outcome for both organizations as well as the patients they serve. “We believe an affiliation of our practices strengthens the opportunities for growth through the development and enhancement of services, while improving the overall patient experience,” says Long.

Jeff Smith, CFO of Advanced Orthopedics, states that a primary goal of the affiliation is to serve the needs of their ever-growing client base. The combining of expertise insures patients receive the right care in a timely manner. “Together, we offer the most comprehensive musculoskeletal care in Northeast Oklahoma,” says Smith.

The group will continue to operate at most local hospitals, allowing patients a variety of options to work with their insurance plans. And, despite the name change, patients will continue to receive the same great care they’ve come to know and trust from both groups. Patients will notice little difference, with phone numbers and locations remaining the same until a full integration which is expected to occur over the next two years.

For more information about the merger between these two organizations, contact David Long at (918) 481-7644. Or, visit our website at www.advancedorthook.com.

About Advanced Orthopedics of Oklahoma

The affiliation of Central States Orthopedics and Eastern Oklahoma Orthopedics Center brings together an unprecedented level of experience in serving Tulsa and surrounding communities. The 29 physicians who created the partnership of Advanced Orthopedics of Oklahoma, have a goal to consistently provide the highest level of professional care to patients and their families, covering a complete range of orthopedic care. Advanced Orthopedics of Oklahoma has 10 physician clinics and seven physical therapy locations, throughout Northeast Oklahoma, to conveniently serve patients.

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