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ROCKFORD, IL August 8, 2013 ... **Brian Bear, MD**, of Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. was invited to present at one of St. Marianna University and School of Medicine's hospitals in Tokyo, Japan on *Minimally Invasive Arthroscopic Thumb Surgery* and on *Traumatic Elbow Instability* on July 29th, 2013.

Founded in 1971 on the principle that all living beings deserve dignity and respect, St. Marianna University and School of Medicine provides innovative instruction and practical learning for its students. As a leading medical educational institution, St. Marianna has implemented Problem-Based Learning into its curriculum, encouraging students to think critically and adeptly.

As a Board-Certified surgeon, Dr. Bear's practice at Rockford Orthopedic Associates is focused on shoulder, elbow, hand, microvascular, traumatic, and reconstructive surgery. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Rockford and a frequent lecturer at the AAOS Orthopaedic Learning Center in Rosemont, Illinois. Dr. Bear is actively involved in clinical research and has published numerous journal articles.

Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. serves the Northern Illinois region in multi-specialty orthopedics and offers a full range of bone and joint care including the specialties of podiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, occupational health, and rheumatology. Rockford Orthopedic offers the ancillary services of physical therapy, MRI, and an out-patient surgery center. #

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