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**Brian Bear, MD invited to present to the Arthroscopy Association of North America**

**ROCKFORD, IL** April 26, 2013 ... **Brian Bear, MD**, of Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. has been invited to present his clinical study titled *Mini Invasive Arthroscopic Thumb Surgery for Thumb Arthritis* at the Arthroscopy Association of North America's annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas April 27, 2013. Dr. Bear has also been requested to present this study to fellow orthopedic surgeons at the Clinical Orthopaedic Society Annual meeting in September of 2012, and at the American Association for Surgery of the Hand annual meeting in Naples, Florida in January 2013.

The Arthroscopy Association of North America is made up of over 3,000 physicians worldwide, many of whom are pioneers in the field of arthroscopy and responsible for developing new and more sophisticated procedures and instruments.

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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