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Local Orthopedic Surgeon Accepted as Member of American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons

ROCKFORD, IL June 15, 2009 ... **Michael J. Chmell, MD**, of Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. has been extended the honor of acceptance as a Fellow Member into the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS). The AAHKS provides leadership in advocacy, education and research to achieve excellence in hip and knee patient care.

Surgeons are accepted into AAHKS's 1200-strong membership after meeting established eligibility requirements, including the formal recommendation from two current Fellow Members. Dr. Chmell is one of only two accepted members in the northern Illinois region, and 53 members in the state of Illinois.

Dr. Chmell's practice at Rockford Orthopedic is focused on primary and revision knee and hip replacement. He was fellowship-trained through Harvard University through Brigham and Women's Hospital and is now actively involved in continuing education as Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Dr. Chmell continues to participate in research and clinical outcome studies and has authored numerous journal articles.

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