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**Local Physician Co-Authors Important Study on Development of Surgical Technique  
for Treating Leg Bone Fractures Without Aid of Computer Image Guidance**

ROCKFORD, IL April 22, 2011 ... **Dr. Anthony Sorkin, MD**, of Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. co-authored an article detailing the development of freehand surgical fixation of long bone fractures while on a medical mission to treat victims of the 2010 Haitian earthquake. The results of the technique utilized were published in the March 2011 edition of one of the top electronic peer-review journals, Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons.

Sorkin was part of an orthopedic surgical team providing medical relief in the early weeks following the disaster. Without advanced medical facilities and implementation, the team developed a technique for inserting nails and interlocks to treat fractures of the femur and tibia without the assistance of intraoperative fluoroscopy to provide continuous x-ray image guidance.

Dr. Sorkin completed two advanced training programs in traumatology, at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, and at the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, Maryland. He serves as Co-Director of Orthopedic Trauma at both Rockford Memorial Hospital and OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center. Dr. Sorkin is an Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery with Rush University Medical Center, the Rockford Site Director for the Rush Residency Program, and a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Rockford. His practice at Rockford Orthopedic is focused on orthopedic trauma, including pelvis and limb reconstruction.

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