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Brian Bear, MD to Speak on Healthcare Reform at National Conference

ROCKFORD, IL August 19, 2011 ... **Brian Bear, MD**, of Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. has been invited to present September 8 - 10, 2011 at the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) annual meeting, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. Bear will speak on "Healthcare Legislation Update: Obamacare and Beyond" to hand surgeons and medical professionals specializing in the treatment of hand and upper extremity-related conditions.

The ASSH is the oldest medical specialty society in the United States devoted entirely to continuing medical education related to hand surgery. ASSH is dedicated to advancing the science and practice of hand surgery through education, research, and advocacy on behalf of patients and practitioners.

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..

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