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**Dr. Brian Bear again named among Castle Connolly Top Doctors[®]
for Rockford Region in 2018**

ROCKFORD, IL ... **March 28, 2018** Castle Connolly Medical, Ltd., America's trusted source for identifying Top Doctors, has selected Rockford's Hand Surgery specialist **Dr. Brian Bear** of OrthoIllinois for inclusion in its highly selective list of Castle Connolly Top Doctors for the fifth year in a row. Only four to five percent of doctors in America earn this prestigious honor.

Castle Connolly Top Doctors[®] are selected by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. after being nominated by peer physicians in an online nomination process. Nominations are open to all board certified MDs and DOs. Honorees are selected from the nominees by the Castle Connolly physician-led research team based on criteria including their medical education, training, hospital appointments, disciplinary histories and more.

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

Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. D/B/A OrthoIllinois serves the Northern Illinois region in multi-specialty orthopedics from offices in Rockford, Crystal Lake, and Huntley, Illinois and offers a full range of bone and joint care including the specialties of neurosurgery, podiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, occupational health and rheumatology. OrthoIllinois offers the ancillary services of physical therapy, MRI, custom orthotics, and an out-patient surgery center. #

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