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**DEDICATED COMPREHENSIVE SPINE CENTER TO OPEN IN INDIANA
Indiana Spine Group to Open Free-Standing Spine Facility in Carmel**

INDIANAPOLIS (August 31, 2011) – Next week when Indiana Spine Group’s physicians and employees report to work, they will be busy packing boxes for their upcoming move. On September 12, Indiana Spine Group will open their dedicated spine center in Carmel (13225 N. Meridian Street). This new, independent, free-standing spine facility is the only one in Indianapolis and one of a handful in the Midwest that provides comprehensive spine care in one centralized location – from spinal diagnosis to surgery. Additionally, this new spine center will include a bio-skills educational laboratory, unique in the state of Indiana.

After years of planning, construction on the 60,174 square-foot spine center began with a ground breaking celebration in August 2010. “While caring for patients with spinal disorders and abnormalities, we saw a need to centralize all aspects of the patients’ diagnosis and treatment making it more convenient for our patients. Generally this patient population is in pain, and therefore multiple locations for care can be problematic,” said Kevin Macadaeg, M.D., vice president, Indiana Spine Group and minimally invasive spine specialist. This new three-story facility will provide spinal diagnosis, education, imaging, treatment, physical therapy and outpatient surgery in one location. Highlights of this new facility include:

- Sixteen patient exam/treatment rooms.
- Imaging suite that will include MRI and CT scanning.
- Physical therapy suite, that includes equipment selected specifically for treating spinal conditions. In addition to physical therapy treatment, services will also include therapeutic exercise and other spinal-focused physical therapy programs.
- Outpatient surgery center (North Meridian Surgery Center), with three surgical suites specifically designed for spinal procedures, two minimally invasive procedure rooms, and associated support and recovery areas.

- Medical Academic Center (MAC) that will include a dedicated, state-of-the-art, bio-skills lab with ten fully-equipped work stations. This lab will provide both a local and national resource to physicians and health care professionals for hands-on medical procedure training. Additionally, the MAC will include a 65-seat auditorium, multi-purpose area for receptions/meetings and conference/board rooms.
- Multiple patient waiting areas, which will include a library / video room, children's area, and a café.
- Administrative support areas that will include corporate administration and staff offices, physician offices, medical records, medical research and more.

Spinal disorders are one of the most frequent medical diagnoses at office visits, as reported in a National Health Statistics Report. Additionally, according to a survey conducted by the North American Spine Society, one out of three Americans reported that they suffer from back pain daily or nearly every day. "Recognizing the prevalence of spinal disorders, which is projected to increase with the aging population, it is important to provide patients a resource for quality spine care that is easily accessible. Our goal in designing this center was to incorporate the specific needs of spinal patients, and to provide a centralized resource with the latest technology, as well as providing a health care team of spine experts – including physicians as well as other health care practitioners," said Rick Sasso, M.D., president, Indiana Spine Group and spine surgeon.

When this new facility opens on September 12, their offices at Harcourt Road will close. In addition to their new Carmel facility, Indiana Spine Group also has offices on the Community Hospital North campus, and in Anderson and Kokomo. Indiana Spine Group has worked with Indianapolis-based companies to oversee this project. This includes Browning Construction, and Simmons and Associates. "For the last two years we have worked closely with our contractors and vendors to incorporate the latest design and technology elements in this new spine center. It has also been important to us to utilize Indianapolis and Indiana-based companies when possible," said Chris Kutruff, RN, MBA, executive director, Indiana Spine Group. A community open house will be held to celebrate this opening on November 19.

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Indiana Spine Group is a Center of Excellence for comprehensive spine care. Providing comprehensive diagnosis and treatment for all spinal disorders, our spine specialists are experts in using the most advanced diagnostic and treatment tools. The comprehensive patient care team includes board certified minimally invasive spine specialists and spine surgeons. Spine surgeons with Indiana Spine Group include: Rick C. Sasso, M.D.; Kenneth L. Renkens, M.D., F.A.C.S.; Thomas M. Reilly, M.D., F.A.C.S.; and Paul E. Kraemer, M.D. Minimally invasive spine specialists with Indiana Spine Group include: Kevin E. Macadaeg, M.D.; Jonathan P. Gentile, M.D.; and John W. Arbuckle, M.D. For more information, call (317) 228-7000 or visit www.indianaspinegroup.com.