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Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Introduces New Treatment for Total Hip Replacement

John Aldridge, M.D., becomes nation's first surgeon to use Exactech LPI Prime Hip System

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Newport News, Va.– An orthopaedic surgeon in Hampton Roads was the first surgeon in the nation to introduce the latest advancement in total hip replacement. John Aldridge M.D., of Hampton Roads Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, performed the first total hip replacement using the Exactech LPI Prime hip system on May 9, 2013, at Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital.

Developed in collaboration with Dr. Aldridge, the Exactech LPI Prime hip implant is more compact in design, thereby allowing surgeons to use smaller incisions and to preserve more of the patient's femur.

"Hip replacement methods have improved significantly over the last two decades and this new treatment will benefit many active adults, especially those who are being treated for hip replacements at younger ages," said Dr. Aldridge, who also has pioneered other spinal surgery and total knee replacement surgeries. "The smaller implant spares more bone and ligament, which is important if a hip replacement revision is required on a patient after time." The Exactech LPI Prime implants are estimated to last 20 years.

"I'm seeing patients returning to active mobility quickly, which is an important goal of hip replacement," added Dr. Aldridge.

Dr. Aldridge was the first surgeon in the nation selected by Exactech to introduce the LPI Prime system. The initial launch of the new system is underway in the United States, with full market release availability planned in 2014.

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About Hampton Roads Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine

Hampton Roads Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine has been providing quality orthopaedic care for more than 50 years to area residents in Hampton Roads. Originally founded by Dr. Wieman Kretz, the first orthopaedic surgeon in the area, Hampton Roads Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine continues to evolve to meet the demands of the ever-changing orthopaedic healthcare industry. In addition to orthopaedic care, our physicians participate with the training of future physicians through the Riverside Regional Medical Center as well as participating in clinical research studies and working with various healthcare developers to enhance adult reconstruction.

About Bon Secours Virginia Health System

Bon Secours Virginia Health System (BSV), the fourth largest and only faith-based health system in Virginia, is comprised of Bon Secours Richmond and Bon Secours Hampton Roads. BSV includes seven award-winning hospitals; four in Richmond and three in Hampton Roads. Bon Secours brings together a network of hospitals, primary care practices, ambulatory care sites and continuing care facilities to provide quality health care services to thousands of Virginians. The not-for-profit Catholic health system employs nearly 11,000 people. Bon Secours Virginia hospitals offer a full-range of services including cardiac, women's, children's, orthopaedics, oncology, neurosciences, surgery. Bon Secours Virginia is the only system of hospitals in Virginia that offers no-wait service in its Emergency Departments.