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Local Orthopedic Physician to Provide Surgical Aid to Haitian Earthquake Victims

ROCKFORD, IL February 1, 2010 ... **Anthony Sorkin, MD**, and **Michael Karg, PA-C**, of Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. will join a team of 5-6 orthopedic surgeons responding to the medical relief effort in the Dominican Republic for Haitian earthquake victims. The team will fly to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic for five days to provide urgent orthopedic surgical services on February 2.

The Orthopedic Society for the Dominican Republic and the country's Secretary of State, Carlos Morales Troncoso, issued an international request for medical assistance to help meet the growing needs of victims arriving in their country. Stryker Orthopedics, manufacturer of medical devices and equipment, responded with much-needed equipment donations and took the additional step of organizing the team of surgical volunteers, each donating their own time and travel expenses.

The surgical team will be operating at the main trauma center in Santo Domingo, Dario Contreras Hospital. Currently over 400 patients, many of whom are children, are awaiting treatment at this facility for limb-threatening trauma and crush injuries suffered in the quake.

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, assisted by Physician Assistant Michael Karg, is focused on orthopedic trauma, including pelvis and limb reconstruction.

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