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NEW ADVANCED MEDICAL CENTER APPROVED FOR THE TREATMENT OF PAIN SUFFERERS

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (August, 2005)—The state of Tennessee recently awarded a certificate of need to three Chattanooga physicians to develop the area's first pain medicine surgery center. The center is scheduled to open in November, 2005 and will serve residents in Hamilton, Bradley, and Rhea counties in Tennessee and Walker and Chattooga counties in Georgia, as well as additional outlying areas.

Thomas Miller, MD, Medical Director of the new Chattanooga Pain Surgery Center, is excited about the opportunities the center will bring pain sufferers: "The Chattanooga Pain Surgery Center will provide patients with a procedural facility specifically designed to meet their needs. The center's equipment, staff, training and protocols will be developed specifically with their acute and chronic pain problems in mind."

Construction of the 9,000 square foot pain center began in May, 2005. The facility will consist of one operating room, two procedure rooms and pre- and post-procedure recovery space and will be equipped with advanced equipment and services. Titan Health Corporation, a national surgery center development and management company, will coordinate the center's development and construction process. Titan will also be involved once the center is open to provide staffing, equipment, maintenance and operational support. Tim Evans, Titan's Vice President of Operations for the Eastern Region, will oversee the center's development and management.

"The Chattanooga Pain Surgery Center is going to be a great addition to the community," said Roger Catlin, MD, one of the center's three founding partners. "For many years, medication and surgery were the only options available to pain sufferers. Now, thanks to specialized outpatient surgery centers like this one, interventional pain management procedures are a safe, efficient and convenient option. And with improved safety and convenience comes increased patient satisfaction and better post-procedure results."

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The Chattanooga Pain Surgery Center will be conveniently located on the east side of Northgate Mall (immediately north of Memorial North Park Hospital). The doctors hope this location will prove convenient for patients coming from all directions.

“Pain management is an increasingly important health care issue,” said Greg Ball, MD, the third founding physician. “With this new facility, we will be able to improve accessibility and the quality of patient care available, and that’s something we all three feel good about.”

Dr. Ball has been a Chattanooga physician for 10 years and is the Medical Director of Consultants in Pain Management. Dr. Catlin has been a Chattanooga physician for 13 years and is the Medical Director of the Chattanooga Center for Pain Medicine. Dr. Miller has been a Chattanooga physician for 27 years and is the Medical Director of Specialists in Pain Management.

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