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TEXSAN HEART HOSPITAL IS RECOGNIZED FOR HIGH-QUALITY CARE IN BARIATRIC SURGERY

The ASMBS Designates Texsan Heart Hospital as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence

San Antonio, TX - Texsan Heart Hospital announced today that it has been named an American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence®. The ASMBS BSCOE designation recognizes surgical programs with a demonstrated track record of favorable outcomes in bariatric surgery.

To earn a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence designation, Texsan Heart Hospital underwent a series of inspections during which all aspects of the bariatric program's surgical processes were closely examined and data on health outcomes was collected. This review determined that all of Texsan Heart Hospital's bariatric surgical processes and outcomes were in line with programs eligible for receiving the BSCOE designation.

"Texsan Heart Hospital is a high quality institution and it is only natural for it to demonstrate a very high level of performance in bariatric surgical care, as demonstrated by the Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence designation," said Dr. John Pilcher, Bariatric Surgeon and Medical Director of Texsan's Surgical Weight Loss Center. "I appreciate the opportunity to participate with such a high level facility and group of professionals. I am confident that together we will have a positive impact on the health of San Antonio."

"In order to continue to offer the quality care San Antonio has come to expect from us, we felt it appropriate to apply for the ASMBS Bariatric Surgery Centers of Excellence Program," said Craig Desmond, President and CEO of Texsan Heart Hospital. "Our ASMBS BSCOE designation, along with high patient satisfaction scores and our boutique-style surgical weight loss center is a testament to our commitment to the highest level of care."

Surgical Review Corporation (SRC), an organization dedicated to pursuing surgical excellence, formulates and establishes the rigorous standards with which Texsan Heart Hospital and other Bariatric Surgery Centers of Excellence must comply, thoroughly inspects and evaluates each candidate for designation, and upon review

recommends approval of designation for those physicians and facilities whose practices and outcomes meet the stringent demands set forth by SRC for ASMBS.

As a pioneering organization, designating Bariatric Surgery Centers of Excellence based on top quality care and efficacious outcomes, the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, with the help of SRC, is working to align the common interests of patients, surgeons, hospitals and insurers, all of whom suffer when complications develop after surgical care.

Texsan Heart Hospital offers a boutique style surgical weight loss center with their "patient-focused care" model, complete with a concierge staff and private rooms. For those interested in learning more about surgical weight loss or to attend one of Texsan' free surgical weight loss seminars please call toll free 1-877-777-7756.

About American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) is the largest society for this specialty in the world. Founded in 1983, foremost American surgeons have formed the society's leadership and have established an excellent organization with education and support programs for surgeons and allied health professionals. The purpose of the society is to advance the art and science of bariatric surgery by continued encouragement of its members to: pursue investigations in both the clinic and the laboratory; interchange ideas, information and experience pertaining to bariatric surgery; promote guidelines for ethical patient selection and care; develop educational programs for physicians, paramedical persons, and lay people; and promote outcome studies and quality assurance. For more information about ASMBS, go to www.ASMBS.org.

About Surgical Review Corporation

Surgical Review Corporation (SRC) is an independent, non-profit organization governed by industry stakeholders and dedicated to advancing the safety, efficacy and efficiency of bariatric and metabolic surgical care worldwide. To accelerate best practices development for the treatment of morbid obesity and its associated conditions, SRC launched center of excellence programs for bariatric surgery and developed the Bariatric Outcomes Longitudinal Database (BOLD). SRC has already designated nearly 650 surgeons as well as more than 350 hospitals and freestanding outpatient facilities, and BOLD is now the world's largest repository of clinical bariatric surgery patient data. For more information, visit www.surgicalreview.org.

About Texsan Heart Hospital

Texsan Heart Hospital is located at 6700 IH 10 West and Crossroads Boulevard. It is part of a family of hospitals owned and managed by MedCath. Texsan opened in January 2004 and features comprehensive inpatient and outpatient cardiac care, bariatric services, other acute-care surgical services and a 24-hour full service Heart Emergency Center. For more information, contact Carole Harris, community relations coordinator, at 210.736.8012. For additional information about Texsan Heart Hospital, visit its Web site at www.TexsanHeartHospital.com.

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