



## **dj Orthopedics to Showcase New Products at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons Meeting in Washington DC**

- Orthopedic Surgeons On Hand For Presentations and Product Demonstrations -

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- dj Orthopedics, Inc. (NYSE: DJO), a global medical device company specializing in rehabilitation and regeneration products for the non-operative orthopedic and spine markets, today announced that it will highlight new products for orthopedic rehabilitation and bone growth stimulation at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) convention in Washington DC, on February 23 - 25, 2005. The Company will also host six noted orthopedic surgeons and one noted athletic trainer at its booth, who will discuss current rehabilitation trends for the ankle, shoulder, and knee, as well as conduct product demonstrations. There will also be a discussion on the use of bone growth stimulation devices in clinical practice.

### Product Showcase

- \* The Company will introduce its first functional brace designed specifically to help prevent ACL injuries in active females. The DonJoy® Female Fource™ addresses biomechanical factors that have been implicated in the high incidence of anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tears in females. Females are 3 to 8 times more likely to sustain an ACL injury than males. The Female Fource incorporates dj Orthopedics' FourcePoint™ hinge technology, which has been clinically demonstrated to increase knee flexion angle, an important biomechanical variable for reducing ACL injury potential. The Female Fource is the newest addition to the Company's line of braces used to help prevent ACL injuries.
- \* dj Orthopedics will also introduce its new Velocity™ ankle brace. The Velocity represents an evolution in DonJoy ankle brace technology, utilizing several new, proprietary design features, resulting in a new level of ankle brace performance and providing the foundation for successful ankle injury prevention and treatment. The Velocity is a low profile, lightweight ankle brace that prevents abnormal ankle inversion, eversion, and rotation while allowing natural, unrestricted dorsi- and plantar-flexion. The combination of soft goods with a rigid, hinged foot plate and calf cuff provides unsurpassed levels of control, fit, and support. Three Velocity versions are available, affording patients and athletes multiple ankle support levels.
- \* The Company also announced that it is launching a new soft goods accessory for its DonJoy SpinaLogic® Bone Growth Stimulator, which is designed to improve patient ease of use and comfort. The DonJoy SpinaLogic device incorporates a patented bone-healing signal that only requires a 30-minute daily treatment time to improve spinal fusion outcomes, while competitive devices require hours of daily treatment time.
- \* The Company will also highlight its line of braces used to treat the symptoms of osteoarthritis. The osteoarthritis rigid knee brace market is one of the fastest growing categories of the rigid knee bracing and has become a non-invasive alternative to pharmacological and surgical treatment of knee osteoarthritis.

"Injury prevention and rehabilitation products are again center-stage for dj Orthopedics at the 2005 AAOS meeting," said Les Cross, president and chief executive officer. "We have an exciting new line-up of functional knee braces, ankle bracing products and enhancements to our DonJoy SpinaLogic bone growth stimulation device. We are also pleased to have an outstanding roster of trusted orthopedic surgeons and researchers in our booth to talk with customers."

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

10:00 AM Steven Steinlauf, M.D., will discuss the science behind bone growth stimulation and his clinical experience and results.

1:00 PM William Garrett, M.D., Ph.D., will discuss his study on the benefits of a damping hinge in increasing flexion angle in the knee.

3:30 PM Rod Walters, D.A., A.T.C., will discuss current developments in ankle bracing as they relate to injuries and prevention.

Thursday, February 24, 2005

10:00 AM Stephen Snyder, M.D., will discuss the benefits of external rotation during healing from shoulder injuries and surgery.

12:30 PM Arthur Manoli II, M.D., will discuss advancements in the treatment of Cavus Foot.

3:00 PM Steven Steinlauf, M.D., will discuss the science behind bone growth stimulation and his clinical experience and results.

Friday, February 25, 2005

1:00 PM Alan Curtis, M.D., will discuss shoulder procedures and post-op treatment.

3:00 PM John Fulkerson, M.D., will demonstrate the Tru-Pull®; Patellofemoral products and their benefits for the management of anterior knee pain.

Representatives from dj Orthopedics' sales and technical staffs will be available for media interviews at Booth 3139 during the AAOS meeting, February 23 - 25, at the Washington DC Convention Center.

#### About dj Orthopedics

dj Orthopedics is a global medical device company specializing in rehabilitation and regeneration products for the non-operative orthopedic and spine markets. The Company's broad range of over 600 rehabilitation products, including rigid knee braces, soft goods and pain management products, are used to prevent injury, to treat chronic conditions and to aid in recovery after surgery or injury. The Company's regeneration products consist of bone growth stimulation devices that are used to treat nonunion fractures and as an adjunct therapy after spinal fusion surgery.

The Company sells its products in the United States and in more than 40 other countries through networks of agents, distributors and its direct sales force that market its products to orthopedic and spine surgeons, podiatrists, orthopedic and prosthetic centers, third-party distributors, hospitals, surgery centers, physical therapists, athletic trainers and other healthcare professionals.

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