

MEDIA Release – North Texas Hospital

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FIRST RADICAL PROSTATECTOMY PERFORMED USING ROBOTIC SYSTEM

Denton, Texas...May 19, 2008 – Officials at North Texas Hospital announced today that the hospital's first robotically-assisted radical prostatectomy was performed May 14, 2008 using the hospital's recently acquired *da Vinci*® Robotic Surgical Operating System.

The *da Vinci*® Robotic Surgical Operating System incorporates technologic break-through which provide surgeons with superior 3D visualization, improved dexterity and increased precision for the optimal performance of minimally invasive surgery. Patients undergoing surgery with the *da Vinci*® Robotic Surgical Operating System generally experience all the benefits of minimally invasive surgical procedures which include less pain, less blood loss and less scarring as compared to conventional open surgery. The patient's recovery is generally faster with the minimally invasive procedures.

Dr. Keith Waguespack performed the surgery. Dr. Waguespack is Board Certified by the American Board of Urology. Dr. Waguespack has special training in laparoscopic urological surgery. As part of the Urology Associates of North Texas (UANT) Robotics program, he has a large experience in robotic assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy, pyeloplasty, and partial nephrectomy. He also performs a variety of minimally invasive procedures to treat kidney and bladder cancer, kidney stones, benign prostate enlargement, and incontinence.

“Since we acquired the *da Vinci*® Robotic Surgical Operating System, we have been systematically training physicians and increasing the types of surgeries performed using the robotic system,” stated Randy Bacus, Chief Executive Officer for North Texas Hospital. “Providing our physicians with state-of-the-art technology and improving patient care and quality are our highest priorities.”

Prostate cancer is the second most common form of cancer found in males in the United States. Sixteen percent of American men will be diagnosed with the disease during their lifetime. For a large majority of these men, treatment for prostate cancer results in positive outcomes and a return to good health.

ABOUT NORTH TEXAS HOSPITAL

North Texas Hospital is located on the North Texas Medical Plaza campus at 2801 S. Mayhill Road in Denton, Texas. The 60,000 square foot, multi-specialty hospital hosts 12 pre-op rooms, 6 operating suites, 21 post-op rooms, 6 procedure rooms and 16 overnight suites. Other campus services include medical offices, wound care, long-term acute care hospital (LTACH), and a rehabilitation facility. For more information, visit www.northtexashospital.com.