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Brian Bear, MD to Speak at Clinical Orthopaedic Society's Annual Meeting

ROCKFORD, IL September 16, 2012 ... **Brian Bear, MD**, of Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. presented a clinical study titled *Mini Invasive Arthroscopic Thumb Surgery for Thumb Arthritis* at the 100 Year Anniversary Meeting of the Clinical Orthopaedic Society (COS) September 13, 2012 in Chicago. Dr. Bear has also been invited to present this study to fellow orthopedic surgeons at the American Association for Surgery of the Hand annual meeting in Naples, Florida in January 2013.

The COS, a parent organization of the prestigious Amercian Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), maintains a mission to optimize the science of the physical examination as the central component in the diagnosis and management of musculoskeletal conditions. The organization also strives to educate society on orthopedic issues impacting patient care.

As a Board-Certified surgeon, Dr. Bear's practice at Rockford Orthopedic Associates is focused on shoulder, elbow, hand, microvascular, traumatic, and reconstructive surgery. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Rockford and a frequent lecturer at the AAOS Orthopaedic Learning Center in Rosemont, Illinois. Dr. Bear is actively involved in clinical research and has published numerous journal articles..

Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. serves the Northern Illinois region in multi-specialty orthopedics and offers a full range of bone and joint care including the specialties of podiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, occupational health and rheumatology. Rockford Orthopedic offers the ancillary services of physical therapy, MRI, and an out-patient surgery center. #