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**Brian Bear, MD to Join Editorial Board of Medical Journal**

**ROCKFORD, IL** February 27, 2012 ... **Brian Bear, MD**, of Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. has been accepted to serve on the Editorial Board of *Operative Techniques in Sports Medicine* effective March 1, 2012. The ten-member Editorial Board provides expertise oversight in topic development and identifying guest editorial contributors.

Published four times annually as a textbook-type journal for orthopedic surgeons, *Operative Techniques in Sports Medicine* explores the latest surgical advancements and developments. Each issue focuses on a single clinical condition, offering different management approaches.

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 orthopedic care including the specialties of podiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and rheumatology. Rockford Orthopedic offers the ancillary services of physical therapy, prosthetics and orthotics, MRI, workers' compensation, and an out-patient surgery center. #

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