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New Foundation will Pioneer Cutting Edge Treatments for Orthopaedic and Neurosurgical Conditions Greenwich physicians launch the ONS Foundation

GREENWICH, CT, *June 26, 2008* – Physicians at Orthopaedic and Neurosurgery Specialists PC (ONS) on Valley Drive announced today the launch of the **ONS Foundation for Clinical Research and Education, Inc.**, a registered not-for-profit, 501(c)3 organization devoted to understanding the causes and optimal treatments of orthopaedic injuries and musculoskeletal conditions.

The [ONS Foundation](http://www.onsfoundation.net) was formed by orthopedic specialists, neurosurgeons, concerned individuals and community leaders, who recognized the needs to continually improve treatments for musculoskeletal injuries and conditions, to explore the potential benefits of emerging treatments, and to develop effective injury prevention programs. The Foundation has a three-pronged focus: clinical research, public and physician education and community outreach. Paul Sethi, MD is President of the Board of Directors and Vicki Leeds Tananbaum is Vice President.

“With people of all ages leading increasingly longer and more active lives, musculoskeletal problems will affect every individual in some way,” said Dr. Sethi, sports medicine specialist and former assistant team physician to the Los Angeles Dodgers, Lakers and Angels. “By seeking a better understanding of the physical needs of children, athletes, and active seniors, and by conducting key research studies on treatments of and surgical procedures for common orthopaedic conditions such as arthritis, the ONS Foundation for Clinical Research and Education will work toward advancing standards of excellence that will further medical science and facilitate life-long healthy, active living in people everywhere.”

The ONS FOUNDATION RESEARCH INITIATIVE centers on clinical studies of surgical and non-surgical treatments of injuries and conditions affecting the shoulder, elbow and knee, and for spinal disorders. Lead by Dr. Paul Sethi, the Foundation will carry out clinical research studies on a broad scale. The program is enhanced through an alliance with Greenwich Hospital, an academic affiliate of Yale University School of Medicine and an award-winning regional healthcare facility. Surgeries are performed at Greenwich Hospital and the Foundation receives support from the Hospital Institutional Review Board.

ONS Foundation Research Projects

Projects are based on ONS Foundation criteria and physician committee goals. A comprehensive database will track study results from surgical procedures in order to assess and analyze patient outcomes over time. Current projects include the following:

- Biomechanical Performance of Triceps Tendon Repair
- Rotator Cuff Integrity after Suture Bridge Repair
- ACL Tear Prevention Project
- Pitching Study: Development of Safe Parameters for Youth Curveball Mechanics
- Comparison Study of Open and Minimally Invasive Posterior Spinal Fusion Procedures
- Observation of Outcomes in Children with Traumatic Lumbar Spondylolysis
- A Comparative Outcome and Cost Analysis for Treatment of Unstable Odontoid Fractures in the Elderly

The ONS FOUNDATION EDUCATION INITIATIVE communicates research findings to the medical community and to the public at large. Study findings will be published in the leading peer reviewed medical journals and publications. Within the Foundation's education framework is a community outreach program designed to reach a broad local and regional audience, regardless of socioeconomic background, with information about injury prevention, fitness and innovations regarding treatment options for musculoskeletal conditions and injuries. The education department coordinates the development and production of study results into articles, videos, DVDs and presentations to communicate prevention and treatment information.

Foundation development is being overseen by Vicki Leeds Tananbaum, who has 40-years experience leading fundraising efforts for non-profit organizations including serving as Trustee of Greenwich Academy, as Director for the Bruce Museum, and as gala chair for Greenwich Hospital Breast Center. Other members of the ONS Foundation Board of Directors include Nathaniel Barnum, Frank Corvino, David Hirsch, and Tina E. Mikkelsen.

The Foundation physician committee includes Mark Camel, MD, Gloria C. Cohen, MD, Jeffrey Heftler, MD, Seth R. Miller, MD, Paul M. Sethi, MD and Scott L. Simon, MD. Having trained at the most prestigious universities and hospitals in the country, many of the physicians associated with the Foundation have already worked on groundbreaking techniques and research.

The ONS FOUNDATION FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, in alliance with Greenwich Hospital, strives to improve standards of excellence for the treatment of musculoskeletal disorders through clinical research, physician and patient education, and community outreach programs. For further information about the ONS Foundation, visit www.ons-foundation.org or call (203) 869-3131.