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Greenwich Doctor Invited to Serve on XXI Olympic Winter Games Host Medical Team

GREENWICH, CT – Dr. Gloria Cohen of ONS (Orthopaedic and Neurosurgery Specialists) on Valley Drive was recently selected to be a member of the host medical staff for the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The Games take place from February 12 to 28. Dr. Cohen, who has served on prior Olympics medical teams, has been assigned as a primary care sports medicine physician for the Olympic long track speedskating events. She joins a multidisciplinary sports medicine team that includes orthopedic surgeons, neurosurgeons, primary care physicians and athletic trainers.

As a member of the Winter Olympics host medical team, Dr. Cohen will provide healthcare and on-site emergency services to athletes during pre-Game and Games times starting February 7 through the final medal competitions. Her duties will include emergency and first responder care on the ice for the athletes from any country. She will be working with some of the most qualified sports medicine physicians, physical therapists, and paramedics in the medical field.

While at the Games, Dr. Cohen will document her experiences on the “team behind the team” on the ONS blog , www.blog.onsmd.com. She will write daily posts beginning on the day of arrival that tell what it is like to be with the athletes during practice and in competition. “I am looking forward to serving on my 4th Olympic Games medical team,” said Dr. Cohen. “I find working with these incredibly dedicated athletes very exciting and rewarding. It will be fun to share my experiences while I’m there through the blog. ”

In addition to her practice at ONS, Dr. Gloria Cohen is a specialist in sports medicine and serves as primary care sports medicine physician for the Columbia University varsity athletic teams. She is a lecturer in the Department of Orthopedics at Columbia University. A graduate of University of Ottawa School of Medicine, Dr. Cohen has lived in Montreal and Vancouver, Canada. She served as team physician to the Canadian National Olympic Cycling Team for 14 years and was a member of the Canadian medical team for Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, Atlanta, and Sydney. She travels regularly

with the Columbia University varsity football team, the Lions, and is recognized as an authority in sports medicine in the United States and Canada.

Olympic Speedskating

Winter Games long track speedskating events will take place on a 400-metre oval ice rink at the Richmond Oval in Vancouver. Timed to 1/100 of a second, athletes compete in pairs, skating counter-clockwise around the oval and changing lanes once per lap, to equalize the distance covered. In the team pursuit, two teams of three athletes begin, simultaneously, on each side of the track. Team members take turns leading, with the remaining athletes following closely behind the leader. The competition consists of elimination rounds, leading to a final race.

XXI Olympic Winter Games

The XXI Olympic Winter Games is being staged in Vancouver and Whistler from February 12 to 28, 2010. Approximately 2,500 athletes from over 80 countries will compete in 15 sports and over 86 separate medal events. Approximately 3 billion people around the world are expected to watch the televised events. Visit www.vancouver2010.com for details. Visit <http://blog.onsmd.com> to follow Dr. Cohen at the XXI Winter Olympic Games.

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