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**Penn State Surgeon Wayne Sebastianelli, MD**  
**Leads Orthopaedic Doctors**

HARRISBURG (November 1, 2009) – Keeping orthopaedic medical services accessible to patients in the most convenient, high-quality, and cost-effective manner will be the focus of the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society (POS), according to newly inducted POS President Wayne Sebastianelli, MD of State College.

“We face many challenges this year as the national health care reform debate continues,” stated Dr. Sebastianelli. “Although various proposals emanating from Congress do not guarantee patients direct access to specialty care, we plan to make our voice heard. “

“POS will continue to raise public awareness of bone, joint and muscle health at every age and fight for patient access to orthopaedic services,” said Dr. Sebastianelli during the POS Annual Meeting in October, “while we maintain our commitment to educating our members on socio-economic and political issues which affect or control their ability to provide high quality medical care.”

In addition to providing member education and promoting musculoskeletal health awareness, the Society serves as a strong patient and physician advocate in the Commonwealth. To reinforce this position, POS will maintain on-going interaction with state government

officials. On the national level, our organization intends to work closely with the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons to communicate concerns regarding health care reform to members of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation; the delivery of quality specialty care must be upheld in whatever reform is ultimately passed in Congress.

During my term, I also plan to strengthen our efforts on behalf of young orthopaedic surgeons in residency programs. My goal is to enhance current POS endeavors that educate and familiarize young orthopaedists with clinical, socio-economic, and legislative issues facing our profession.

Often seen on the field during Penn State football games, Dr. Sebastianelli serves as Director of Athletic Medicine; Head Team Physician, Penn State Athletics and Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at Penn State University. An accomplished orthopaedic surgeon and researcher, Dr. Sebastianelli has been named Principle Reviewer for the *American Journal of Sports Medicine*. Awarded The Best Doctor in America®, 1996-2010 by Best Doctors, Inc., a nationally recognized peer review based organization, Dr. Sebastianelli remains dedicated to improving the quality of orthopaedic care through education and research.

In addition to his position with POS, Dr. Sebastianelli maintains various professional affiliations including membership in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American College of Sports Medicine, and the Arthroscopy Association of North America.

POS is a professional medical specialty organization representing more than 900 orthopaedic surgeons across Pennsylvania in advocating for excellence in the practice of orthopaedic medicine. For more information, visit the POS website at [www.paorthosociety.org](http://www.paorthosociety.org).

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