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PITTSBURGH'S DR. JON TUCKER
LEADS ORTHOPAEDIC DOCTORS

HARRISBURG (November 16, 2007) – The Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society (POS) already boasts one of the highest percent of membership of any statewide medical society, but incoming President Jon B. Tucker, MD wants to see that improve.

“Our voice is strong because of the broad membership representation we enjoy already,” Tucker said of one of his key goals for 2008. “But if we are going to continue to be effective we need to continue to grow our membership.”

Dr. Tucker, age 47, said the goal of increasing membership goes along with his goal of increasing member involvement.

“The purpose of our society is to promote excellence in orthopaedic medicine as a strong patient and physician advocate in state government,” said Dr. Tucker, an

orthopaedic surgeon at Dr. Jon Tucker Knee and Shoulder Specialists in Pittsburgh. “We achieve this through the generous volunteer work of our members who help raise public awareness of bone, joint and muscle health and who strive for greater patient access to orthopaedic services.”

Dr. Tucker, who was inducted President during the POS Board of Directors meeting last week, said keeping orthopaedic medical services accessible to patients in the most convenient, high-quality and cost-effective manner continues to be the focus of the Society. POS also educates lawmakers and others about the need for improving Pennsylvania’s medical liability environment and insurance reimbursement policies in order to strengthen orthopaedic care here.

“We have a huge challenge facing us as we see our population aging and in need of more orthopaedic services at the same time many of our doctors are retiring and fewer orthopaedic residents are choosing Pennsylvania to practice in,” Dr. Tucker noted. “That’s why it’s important for orthopaedic doctors and their patients to have a strong voice in our state’s Capitol.”

In addition to his position with POS, Dr. Tucker is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and he is a member of the Pennsylvania Medical and the Allegheny County Medical societies.

Dr. Tucker serves as a member of the Highmark Imaging Advisory Committee and the Credentialing Committee of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield/Keystone Health Plan West.

After graduating from Duke University, Dr. Tucker received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He interned in General Surgery and completed his

Residency in Orthopedic Surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He also completed a Sports Medicine Fellowship at the Graduate Hospital, University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Tucker is an attending orthopaedic surgeon at St. Clair Memorial Hospital, Pittsburgh; UPMC Presbyterian-Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, and on the consulting staffs of several other area hospitals.

Dr. Tucker and his wife, Bobbi, an attorney at Buchanan, Ingersoll, and Rooney live in Nevillewood, PA. Together, they have three children. He is a third generation Pittsburgh native, grandson of the late sportscaster Joe “Steelers Screamer” Tucker and the son of retired District Magistrate Robert E. Tucker.

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 on the importance of bone, joint and muscle health at every age, visit the POS website at www.paorthosociety.org.

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