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### **ALTOONA'S DR. JOSHUA PORT LEADS ORTHOPAEDIC DOCTORS**

**HARRISBURG** (Nov. 29, 2005) – The remarkable history of Orthopaedic medicine in Pennsylvania will be the focus of a year-long celebration of the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society (POS) in 2006, according to newly inducted POS President Joshua Port, M.D. of Altoona.

Port, 43, said the POS's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary presents a wonderful opportunity to raise public awareness about joint and bone health and disease prevention.

“We have an extraordinary history of excellence in Orthopaedics here in Pennsylvania, where many advances in surgery were pioneered and where many new techniques continue to be discovered,” Port said. “Our anniversary will be a time to promote that tradition going forward.”

The POS *50 Years and Growing Stronger* activities will focus on orthopaedic excellence across Pennsylvania including patient education on bone and joint health for all ages.

A partner with Blair Orthopedic Associates and Sports Medicine, Port specializes in knee and shoulder surgery and sports medicine. He is a fellow with the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery and is a member of several professional societies. Port is on the medical staff at Altoona Regional Health System in Altoona and Nason Hospital in Roaring Spring. He serves as Clinical Assistant Professor of Orthopedics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Port earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He served his orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Pittsburgh. Subsequently, he traveled in Japan as a visiting professor in Sports Medicine. He then completed a fellowship year in knee and shoulder surgery and sports medicine at the Southern California Center for Sports Medicine.

He serves as team physician for the Altoona Curve AA baseball team (a Pittsburgh Pirates affiliate), as well as for the Bishop Guilfoyle High School and Hollidaysburg High School. He is a consultant physician to St. Francis University and Penn State Altoona Campus.

“I am proud to represent Pennsylvania’s outstanding orthopedic surgeons in our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a society and I look forward to working with the Governor and the House and Senate to ensure high quality specialty care for all Pennsylvanians,” Port said. “I pledge to build on a strong tradition and foundation of educational and legislative efforts to protect our ability to provide clinical excellence and compassion to all our patients.”

In addition to promoting continuing medical education through two scientific meetings each year, POS advocates for legislative and regulatory actions, which enhance members’ ability to provide world-class musculoskeletal care to patients.

Currently, POS is working to improve and preserve orthopaedic excellence in Pennsylvania through insurance reimbursement and medical liability reforms.

POS is a professional medical specialty organization representing more than 925 orthopaedic surgeons and their patients across Pennsylvania. For more information visit the POS website at [www.paorthosociety.org](http://www.paorthosociety.org).

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