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SOUTH TEXAS SPINE & SURGICAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES OPTUM[®] CENTER OF EXCELLENCE DESIGNATION

Designation recognizes superior outcomes for patients receiving orthopedic surgeries

(San Antonio, Texas – September, 2, 2021) – Health services leader Optum has named South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital (STSSH) a Center of Excellence (COE) for providing high-quality, cost-effective health care to patients receiving spine and joint surgeries. STSSH received the Optum COE designation after completing a qualification process that evaluated a number of factors including a history of delivering excellent health outcomes.

South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital is one of “America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Spine Surgery” for the seventh year in a row according to Healthgrades. It is San Antonio’s only hospital to be recognized with the “America’s 100 Best for Spine Surgery” designation in 2021. The mission of STSSH and its physician partners is to provide the highest quality of treatment in a safe and caring environment. This commitment is passed on to patients through the specialized and skilled staff. While the facility was originally opened to specialize in spine care exclusively, it has now expanded to other services including orthopedic procedures, plastic surgery, ENT and cardiology. The hospital offers a safe, convenient, and high-quality alternative to routine inpatient hospitalization and is fully certified by the Texas Department of Health, licensed by Medicare and fully accredited with The Joint Commission.

“We selected South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital as our newest Center of Excellence because of its commitment to providing outstanding, high-quality care to patients receiving orthopedic surgeries,” said Jon R. Friedman, M.D., FAST, Chief Medical Officer at Optum for Medical Benefit Management. “We commend STSSH for their excellence in providing the highest quality of care for their patients.”

“The physicians and staff at South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital continue to demonstrate their commitment to excellence and high-quality patient care. We are excited to participate in Optum’s Center of Excellence network, a designation given by the health services leader to select facilities around the country that provide superior care to patients receiving spine or joint surgery.

We continue to emphasize our core values and seek excellent clinical outcomes by providing a top-tier team approach to patient care. Excellent outcomes are possible when patients, physicians and staff are committed to achieving high quality outcomes,” stated Joel Jenne, MD, Chief of Staff at STSSH.

The Optum COE model is built on more than 30 years of experience and focuses on expanding access to excellent specialty care, helping to ensure evidence-based treatment, improve clinical outcomes, reduce treatment costs and improve the patient experience. Facilities and providers in the Optum COE network are reviewed annually to ensure they continue to meet the high standards needed for designation.

About Optum

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About South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital

Surgery Partners has partnered with local physicians to establish South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital (STSSH). In this partnership, the physicians assist in management of the hospital, resulting in a hospital solely run for the benefit of the patient. This innovative approach creates an integrated and holistic approach to healthcare. As a nationally recognized center for spine and joint care excellence, STSSH takes pride in providing the highest quality clinical care in a one-on-one, warm and caring environment. For additional information, please visit www.southtexassurgical.com, follow us on Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn or like us on Facebook.

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