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### **Two Renowned Surgeons Join Orthopaedic Specialists of North County**

**Oceanside, Calif.** – Tri-City Orthopaedic Surgery Medical Group, a comprehensive health-care facility for treating back, shoulder, neck, spine, sports medicine and other bone, joint and ligament disorders, has added two well-known surgeons to its medical staff.

Andrew Hartman, M.D. specializes in surgery of the shoulder, elbow and hand and enjoys learning about and practicing new techniques in upper extremity treatments. In fact, he believes that the most rewarding aspect of practicing medicine is improving the quality of life for his patients.

A born innovator, Dr. Hartman designed and tested a novel plate for fracture fixation. He also won the American Society for Surgery of the Hand's Sumner I. Koch award for the most clinically relevant scientific presentation in 2004. He also has served as a guest speaker for the society and presented a lecture at the Orthopaedic Grand Rounds at the University of California at San Diego (UCSD). In addition, he has conducted research on elbow stability.

Erik Stark, M.D. specializes in sports medicine. He graduated from SUNY Upstate Medical University at Syracuse and performed his internship at the University of North Carolina Hospital. In addition, he performed his orthopaedic surgical residency at Boston University Medical Center. He is currently pursuing a Kaiser Permanente Orthopaedic sports medicine fellowship in San Diego.

Dr. Stark has won many awards and honors, including the Edwin G. Bovill award for best paper in 2003. In addition, he has researched high energy plateau fractures and fracture dislocations. He has also presented various papers and posters at medical conferences.

During his residency training, Dr. Stark realized the depth and breadth of orthopaedic sports medicine, appreciating greatly how physicians, players and supporting staff work together effectively.

He has served as team physician for a local high school and covered Southwestern College football games. He is currently a member of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) and other professional organizations.

Orthopaedic Specialists of North County offers the latest procedures, including the Birmingham Hip Resurfacing method to help patients stay active after surgery. It also houses a Neck and Back Center, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) capability for extremities, an X-ray area and cast room. Many of the surgeons, such as Drs. Hartman and Stark, are well respected for their excellent medical outcomes and innovative procedures.

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