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State-of-the-Art Procedure May Bring Relief from Neck Pain

Merrillville, IN, (September 5, 2007) - Neurological & Spinal Surgery is proud to announce that one of its associates, Caleb Lippman, M.D., is now using the PRESTIGE® Cervical Disc to bring patients with chronic degenerative disc disease (DDD) pain relief and improved range of motion following surgery. The PRESTIGE® artificial disc, manufactured by Medtronic, is the first of its kind approved by the U.S. Federal Drug Administration and was proven safe and effective in the largest and most comprehensive clinical trial involving the cervical spine.

Using a procedure called cervical disc arthroplasty, the PRESTIGE® disc is inserted into the neck where it mimics the function of the natural disc. Compared with anterior cervical discectomy and spinal fusion procedures, arthroplasty and use of the PRESTIGE® disc have had more positive neurological outcomes and greater overall success, including greater range of motion. Recovery time is reduced and fewer complications were reported following the procedure.

“What excites me and my colleagues most about the PRESTIGE Cervical Disc,” explained Dr. Lippman, “is that our practice can now offer patients who formerly had only the option of motion-restricting spinal fusion a state-of-the-art procedure that reduces pain and results in increased range-of-motion. We believe the PRESTIGE Cervical Disc is revolutionary and will bring great relief to patients, allowing them to return to more normal lifestyles. Soon, every physician in our practice will be able to perform this cutting-edge procedure.”

Patients experiencing neck pain are encouraged to contact their primary care physicians for a referral to Neurological & Spinal Surgery (219-756-2900). During an evaluation appointment, our physicians will conduct routine diagnostic tests to determine whether individuals may be candidates for this procedure. Those interested can also visit the website for more information on the PRESTIGE® Cervical Disc at www.prestigedisc.com.

The physicians at Neurological & Spinal Surgery Practice, with six locations in northwest Indiana, are convenient to reach and committed to the compassionate care of patients using state-of-the-art treatment options for a broad range of neurological and spinal disorders. For more information visit www.neuro1.us or call 219-756-2900.