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Crystal Clinic Surgeon Curt Noel, MD Helps Design State-of-the-Art Shoulder Prosthesis

Akron, OH – Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center surgeon Curtis Noel, M.D. was a member of the Exactech design team that developed the Equinoxe® Stemless Shoulder, a state-of-the-art bone conserving and canal sparing prosthesis that is compatible with the Equinoxe® Shoulder System. Exactech, a leading developer and producer of bone and joint restoration products and biologic solutions for extremities, knee and hip, has received clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to market the Equinoxe® Stemless Shoulder.

Total shoulder replacement is the fastest growing type of joint replacement, which replaces the damaged part of a shoulder to recreate the natural contours of the bone in a healthy shoulder. Designed for anatomic total shoulder arthroplasty, the Stemless Shoulder uses a three-dimensional porous structure with optimized pore size, count and porosity and incorporates a bone cage for bone through-growth to enhance the probability of biologic fixation. Stemless shoulder replacement is less invasive and works particularly well in younger patients by allowing the surgeon to preserve more bone.

“The global trend in total shoulder design is to use less and less metal on the humeral side. It is exciting to be part of an innovative design team and one of the few orthopaedic companies that has been able to bring this technology to the surgeons and patients in the United States,” said Dr. Noel.

About Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center

Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center (CCOC), a physician-owned, major orthopaedic specialty hospital located in Northeast Ohio, serves patients throughout Ohio and contiguous states who are in need of care and treatment of conditions affecting the musculoskeletal system, including bones, joints, muscles, tendons, skin and related tissues as well as plastic surgery care. Our board-certified surgeons have decades of experience and perform more than 15,500 orthopaedic surgeries each year. CCOC is consistently recognized for providing outstanding patient care. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has awarded CCOC a five-star rating for Overall Hospital Quality, the only orthopaedic hospital to receive this rating in Northeast Ohio. CareChex®, a division of Comparion Medical Analytics, named CCOC #1 in Northeast Ohio for Spinal Surgery and Joint Replacement and #10 nationally for major orthopaedic surgery in its ratings of America’s Top Quality Hospitals in 2016. The Joint Commission has awarded CCOC with Disease-Specific Care Certification in total hip, total knee, total shoulder and spinal fusion procedures, the only hospital in Ohio to earn the Joint Commission’s gold seal in all four orthopaedic areas. For more information, visit www.crystalclinic.com.

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About Exactech

Based in Gainesville, Fla., Exactech develops and markets orthopaedic implant devices, related surgical instruments and biologic materials and services to hospitals and physicians. The company manufactures many of its orthopaedic devices at its Gainesville facility. Exactech's orthopaedic products are used in the restoration of bones and joints that have deteriorated as a result of injury or diseases such as arthritis. Exactech markets its products in the United States in addition to more than 30 markets in Europe, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific. Additional information about Exactech can be found at <http://www.exac.com>.