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Wolfson Children's Hospital is First in the Nation to Use New Orthopaedic Implant System Designed by OrthoPediatics and Specifically for Children

New Technology To Treat Bone Fractures Accommodates the Unique Contours and Needs of Children's Growing Bones

Jacksonville, Florida, May 6, 2009 – Wolfson Children's Hospital has performed the first procedure in the nation using the innovative new PediLoc™ implant system that is specifically designed to accommodate the contours and growth needs of children's bones.

Most implant products are not designed for children, so surgeons have had to modify implants designed for adults. The PediLoc™ screw and plate system was recently cleared by the FDA under a new pediatric device designation making it the only such system of its kind. It is designed by OrthoPediatics, an Indiana-based company that focuses exclusively on orthopaedic devices for children.

The PediLoc™ system is designed to be used in bone fractures in children. It also includes specialty plates designed to protect the growth plates in the femur, which is the long bone in the leg. The growth plates are located at each end of the femur and are the locations from which the bone continues to grow in children. Placing a screw there can interfere with normal growth. Plates designed for adults do not have to account for the growth of the bones. However, the PediLoc™ system's specially designed plates do not to interfere with the growth plates.

"With the PediLoc™ plate system, OrthoPediatics has provided us with an important new technology to treat fractures in growing children," said Kevin Neal, MD, orthopaedic surgeon with Nemours Children's Clinic, who performed the procedure using the PediLoc™ system at Wolfson Children's Hospital.

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About OrthoPediatics Corporation

OrthoPediatics is a life-science company committed to developing anatomically appropriate implants and devices for children with orthopedic problems, giving pediatric orthopedic surgeons and caregivers the ability to treat children with technologies specifically designed to meet their needs.

OrthoPediatics' core management team has well over 200 years of experience in the orthopedic device industry. The team is made up of successful businessmen and entrepreneurs who have worked for major orthopedic companies and have significant experience in the areas of product development, regulatory, quality, marketing and operations. In addition, OrthoPediatics has assembled a pediatric surgeon advisory board consisting of some of the most respected thought leaders in pediatric orthopedics. Together, they are working to provide much needed innovation for children. To learn more about OrthoPediatics, please visit www.OrthoPediatics.com.

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