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MERIDIAN SURGICAL PARTNERS ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF TREASURE COAST CENTER FOR SURGERY IN STUART, FLORIDA

BRENTWOOD, TN – July 5, 2007 – Meridian Surgical Partners, LLC announced today that it has acquired a majority interest in the Treasure Coast Center for Surgery (TCCS) in Stuart, Florida. The multi-specialty ambulatory surgery center, which includes two operating rooms and one procedure room, performed over 5,700 surgical cases in 2006. Surgical procedures performed at the facility include gastrointestinal, general surgery, ophthalmology, orthopedics, pain and spine.

The partnership is exploring ways to provide additional capacity and open the door for new physician partners. Tentative plans are being evaluated to develop a new facility at the nearby site of a recently constructed medical office building.

“We are excited to have Treasure Coast Center for Surgery join the Meridian team. Working closely with our physician partners at TCCS, we will capitalize on the enormous growth opportunities that exist within this market. We look forward to building a long-term relationship with TCCS that results in both partner and patient satisfaction,” said David “Buddy” F. Bacon, Jr., chief executive officer of Meridian Surgical Partners.

“We are very pleased about our new partnership with Meridian. Throughout the acquisition process, their unique approach to management and relationship building bolstered our confidence

that this was the right team to help us take our facility to the next level of patient service and care,” said Robert Fier, M.D., a partner of Fier Eye Care and Surgery center and a partner/founding member of TCCS.

William E. Carlson, M.D., a partner of TCCS and South Florida Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine added, “This decision will help us grow the center as we continue to provide top quality care to our patients. TCCS and Meridian will make a good team.”

ABOUT TREASURE COAST CENTER FOR SURGERY

Founded in August 2000, Treasure Coast Center for Surgery (TCCS) is a 4,000 square foot freestanding multi-specialty outpatient surgery center located in Stuart, Florida. Comprised of 10 physician partners, TCCS specializes in gastrointestinal, general surgery, ophthalmology, orthopedics, pain management and spinal outpatient procedures. The facility layout includes two operating rooms, one procedure room, three pre-op beds, and three post anesthesia care units (PACU) stations. Over 5,700 cases were performed in the center last year.

Stuart, located in Martin County, is part of Florida’s Treasure Coast and is approximately 35 miles north of West Palm Beach and about 10 miles southeast of Port Saint Lucie.

ABOUT MERIDIAN SURGICAL PARTNERS

Meridian Surgical Partners, LLC is an ambulatory surgery center company focused on partnering with physicians to reach the highest level – the meridian – of a partnership opportunity. Meridian partners with physicians in the acquisition, development, and management of ambulatory surgery centers and specialty surgical hospitals throughout the United States.

Founded by veterans of the healthcare industry with the vision of creating a superior model for outpatient surgery, Meridian Surgical Partners is headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, approximately 15 miles south of Nashville.

For more information about Meridian, visit www.meridiansurgicalpartners.com.