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### **MERIDIAN SURGICAL PARTNERS ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF LAUREL SURGICAL CENTER IN GREENSBURG, PA**

**BRENTWOOD, TN** – September 10, 2007 – Meridian Surgical Partners, LLC announced today that it has acquired a majority interest in the Laurel Surgical Center (Laurel) in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. The multi-specialty ambulatory surgery center includes three operating rooms, two procedure rooms, and performed over 4,800 surgical cases in 2006. Outpatient surgical procedures performed at the facility include gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, pain management, plastic, podiatry, and urology.

“We are pleased to add Laurel Surgical Center to our portfolio of facilities. Working closely with our new physician partners, we will place a strong focus on operations and adding new physicians. We look forward to building a long-term relationship with Laurel that results in both partner and patient satisfaction,” said David F. “Buddy” Bacon, Jr., chief executive officer of Meridian Surgical Partners.

Dr. Greg Lauro, a founding partner of Laurel Surgical Center said, “This partnership is a natural progression in the growth and success of Laurel Surgical Center. We are confident that Meridian will be an excellent management partner as we continue to build upon the success of the center and identify ways to increase our value to patients and physicians in the Greensburg area.

## **ABOUT LAUREL SURGICAL CENTER**

Opened in September 2004, Laurel Surgical Center (Laurel) is a 16,000 square foot freestanding multi-specialty outpatient surgery center located in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Comprised of 11 physician partners, Laurel specializes in gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, pain management, plastic, podiatry, and urology outpatient procedures. The facility design includes three operating rooms, two procedure rooms, eight pre-op beds, seven PACU bays and six step-down stations.

Laurel Surgical Center is located in Greensburg, approximately 35 miles southeast of Pittsburgh in the center of Westmoreland County. The facility is positioned between the neighboring cities of Greensburg and Latrobe.

## **ABOUT MERIDIAN SURGICAL PARTNERS**

Meridian Surgical Partners aligns with physicians in the acquisition, development and management of multi-specialty ambulatory surgery centers and surgical facilities. Meridian acquires interests in established physician-owned surgical facilities, as well as, partners with physicians seeking to grow their businesses locally through the development of new surgical facilities. Meridian empowers physicians to reach the highest level - the meridian - of a partnership opportunity.

Driven by the unique and proven PEAK management approach, Meridian concentrates on the four cornerstones of Performance, Efficiency, Achievement and Knowledge to take facility operations to an optimal level and attain superior results.

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.meridiansurg.com](http://www.meridiansurg.com).