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MERIDIAN SURGICAL PARTNERS ANNOUNCE OPENING OF CLEBURNE SURGICAL CENTER IN CLEBURNE, TEXAS

BRENTWOOD, TENN. – September 18, 2007 - Meridian Surgical Partners announced the opening of Cleburne Surgical Center, an 8,000 square foot ambulatory surgery center in Cleburne, Texas. The partnership to develop the center was initiated in May 2006. The center is located in Cleburne, Texas, approximately 30 miles south of Fort Worth and 50 miles southwest of Dallas.

Cleburne Surgical Center is a state-of-the-art facility specifically designed for outpatient procedures with two well-equipped operating rooms, a spacious procedure room, four pre-operative and six post-operative bays, with one for isolation. The center is designed for optimum patient flow and maximum patient privacy while meeting all code requirements for state licensure. Cleburne Surgical Center resides in the newly constructed Cleburne Health and Wellness Center, a 26,000 square foot medical office building. The center will provide outpatient surgical procedures in gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology, pain management and urology.

“The completion of Cleburne Surgical Center is a significant milestone for Meridian as well as for the city of Cleburne. We are very excited about this partnership and the opportunity to serve Cleburne physicians and patients by providing a reliable alternative for outpatient surgery. We

look forward to working with our physician partners to grow the center,” said Cathy Kowalski, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Meridian Surgical Partners.

“Opening the doors at Cleburne Surgical Center is the result of a great partnership and months of hard work. With Meridian by our side, we look forward to providing exceptional care and service to patients in the Cleburne and surrounding areas,” said Dr. Blaine Farless, an orthopedic surgeon and board member of Cleburne Surgical Center.

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.