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### **BRIAN BEAR, MD AWARDED 2014 TOP DOCTOR DESIGNATION**

ROCKFORD, IL ... **March 26, 2014** Brian J. Bear, MD of Rockford Orthopedic Associates has been nominated and selected to the Castle Connolly Regional Top Doctor for 2014 list, officials from Rockford Orthopedic announced today. Only four to five percent of doctors in America earn this prestigious honor.

Castle Connolly receives nearly 100,000 peer nominations from physicians each year. Nominees are extensively reviewed by Castle Connolly's physician-led research team to examine, among other factors, their medical education, training, board certifications, hospital appointments, professional achievements and malpractice and disciplinary history before identifying those to be recognized as outstanding Castle Connolly Doctors. Dr. Bear had been recognized for inclusion on another national physician rating resource, Best Doctors In America list in January 2014 as well.

As a Board-Certified surgeon, Dr. Bear's practice at Rockford Orthopedic Associates is focused on shoulder, elbow, hand, microvascular, traumatic, and reconstructive surgery. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Rockford and a frequent lecturer at the AAOS Orthopaedic Learning Center in Rosemont, Illinois. Dr. Bear is actively involved in clinical research and has published numerous journal articles..

Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. serves the Northern Illinois region in multi-specialty orthopedics from offices in Rockford, Crystal Lake, and Huntley, Illinois and offers a full range of bone and joint care including the specialties of podiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, occupational health and rheumatology. Rockford Orthopedic offers the ancillary services of physical therapy, MRI, and an out-patient surgery center. #

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