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MEDIA NOTE: *John Schulte will have a camera with him during his visit to Jordan; photographs from the trip will be available to the media when he returns. Schulte is available for interviews, before and after the trip please contact above.*

**New Hope for Iraqi & Jordanian Amputees
 Physicians For Peace® Team to Address Shortage of Trained Prosthetists**

Gambrills, MD – August 15, 2005 In partnership with Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics, Physicians For Peace (PFP), an international humanitarian not-for-profit medical education organization, will send a medical missions team to Amman, Jordan August 26 - September 01, 2005.

Gambrills, MD resident John F. Schulte will accompany the team to Amman, Jordan to meet with the staff at the King Hussein Medical Center to assess the capabilities for training Iraqi and Jordanian prosthetists. Schulte is a certified prosthetist and orthotist and a Vice President at Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics in Bethesda. Other team members include Team Leader Raouf Gharbo, D.O., Physiatrist, Riverside Rehab Center, Poquoson, VA; David A. Lawrence, M.S.P.T., A.T.C., Amputee Rehabilitation Specialist, AT Home Care, Richmond VA; and Tarif Zaki, Orthotist, Virginia Orthotics, Midlothian, VA.

"Physicians For Peace conducted a successful site assessment in Basra, Iraq in July 2003 to build a relationship with the Basra Prosthetic and Rehabilitation Clinic," noted Physicians For Peace International Medical Programs Coordinator Mary Kwasniewski. "Due to the recent activities in Iraq, it has become unsafe to conduct our programs in Basra and thus we are moving forward with the program through Amman where both Iraqi and Jordanian prosthetists will be trained."

The seeds for this mission were planted two years ago when the Montgomery Village Rotary Club contacted Schulte for advice on how to provide care to Iraqi amputees. Due to the shortage of fully trained healthcare professionals, most prosthetic limbs in Iraq are fitted by the technicians who fabricate the limbs. Schulte recommended developing a training program for these technicians to teach them to become prosthetists to serve patients in Iraq.

With the support of Rotary International, team members will interact with faculty at the King Hussein Medical Center, assess the facility at the Center, assess the needs of the trainees for future curricula/symposia opportunities, meet with representatives of the Ministry of Health and Defense, and assess the abilities and needs of Iraqi prosthetists.

Based on the findings of this initial trip, Schulte will develop a syllabus to be used for training staff in Iraq. The training syllabus will serve as the primary tool for training and will be translated into Arabic by the Cosmopolitan Rotary Club of Amman, Jordan. Eventually, Iraqi technicians will travel to Jordan for two weeks of training with Schulte and the PFP

team to design, fabricate and fit 12 Iraqi patients with needed prosthetic limbs and assist them with their rehabilitation. After training, the technicians will be able to function as fully competent prosthetists and return to Basra, Iraq to begin providing rehabilitative care for other amputees in their region. Once the area is secure for travel, the PFP team will visit semi-annually to help train, equip and assist in the treatment of children and adults who are in need of prosthetic limbs.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics, a division of Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc (NYSE:HGR), owns and operates some 600 orthotic and prosthetic (O&P) patient care centers nationwide. Staffed by nearly 900 certified practitioners, Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics provides patients with convenient, consistent, high quality care. For more information on Hanger, please call 1-877-4HANGER or visit www.hanger.com.

The mission of Physicians For Peace (PFP) is to further the cause of world peace and international goodwill by providing quality medical education and care to those in need. Founded by internationally acclaimed humanitarian Dr. Charles E. Horton, Sr. of Norfolk, Virginia, USA, Physicians For Peace has sent teams of medical volunteers throughout the world to deliver much-needed healthcare services, medical education and medical supplies. Using medicine as a peace-building tool, PFP has conducted programs in more than 45 countries over the past three decades, building bridges between diverse cultures, ethnicities and religions. Physicians For Peace is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that encourages financial and in-kind contributions to underwrite its mission-based work. For more information, please visit www.PhysiciansForPeace.org.