Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation Honors Haiti Clinic Lead Practitioners

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Austin, Texas, March 9, 2011 – Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics prosthetists Jay Tew from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Anna Avakian from Alpharetta, Georgia, and Vern Hostetler from Zanesville, Ohio were recently recognized by parent company Hanger Orthopedic Group (NYSE: HGR) and its nonprofit organization the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation for their work in restoring mobility and independence to hundreds of Haitian amputees. Tew, Avakian, and Hostetler were honored at Hanger's national Education Conference in Reno, Nevada in front of nearly 1,000 of their peers. The award is a tribute to their remarkable work at the Hanger Clinic in Deschapelles, Haiti.



From left to right:
Vern Hostetler, Jay Tew, and Anna Avakian

The Hanger Clinic, established by the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation and its partners in the Haitian Amputee Coalition following the January 12, 2010 7.0 magnitude earthquake, is located at the Hôpital Albert Schweitzer, an undamaged local hospital with a high clinical reputation situated 60 miles from Port-au-Prince. Fully functional since February 22, 2010, to date, more than 700 Haitians have received prosthetic care at the Hanger Clinic.

"Jay, Anna, and Vern selflessly volunteered to spend more than three months of their lives leading, building, inspiring, and caring at the Hanger Clinic in Deschapelles," said Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation Founder and Chairman Ivan Sabel. "It is due in large part to their efforts and leadership that we have been able to achieve the kind of clinical outcomes and success that we have proudly accomplished in Haiti."

Last year Tew, Avakian, and Hostetler each served a three month term as the lead practitioner at the Hanger Clinic in Haiti, significantly contributing to the notable success and outstanding patient outcomes achieved. Tew and Hostetler have since returned for a second rotation as lead practitioner.

MEDIA NOTE: Professional b-roll and high-resolution photos from the Hanger Clinic in Haiti are available here: www.hanger.com/MediaLibrary/HaitiRelief/Pages

About the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation – Established in 2009 by Hanger Orthopedic Group and philanthropist, prosthetist, and former Hanger President and CEO Ivan R. Sabel, the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation (501c3) was created to enhance the productivity and quality of life for those who face physical challenges due to disease, war, or natural disasters, domestically and abroad, by supporting charitable organizations, implementing programs, and fostering volunteerism that improve human mobility. For more information, visit www.hanger-sabelfoundation.org.

About Hanger: With 670+ locations nationwide, the certified clinicians of Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics (the patient care division of Hanger Orthopedic Group) provide patients with the latest in orthotic and prosthetic solutions, including microprocessor devices for those with limb loss and neuromuscular technologies for those with paralysis due to stroke, MS and other debilitating conditions. For more information, www.hanger.com.

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