BBC World News interviews Hanger's Kevin Carroll about his work with Winter, dolphin with prosthetic tail

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London, England, December 2, 2011 – BBC World News recently interviewed Hanger's Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll, MS, CP, FAAOP about his work with Winter, the dolphin with the prosthetic tail. During the interview Carroll discussed WintersGel™, the gel liner created during the research and development necessary to fit a prosthetic tail on Winter that is now benefiting human patients.

To listen to the segment, click here. (Carroll's interview starts around the 12 minute and 30 second mark and lasts about 6 ½ minutes until the 19 minute mark.)

About Winter's prosthetic tail – Hanger's Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll and Sarasota, Florida Practice Manager Dan Strzempka have volunteered their nights and weekends to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and provided Winter's prosthetic tails since 2006. The unique levels of R&D necessary to fit a prosthetic tail on a dolphin have resulted in the development of WintersGel ™, a new gel material that is benefiting human patients, available exclusively at Hanger. For more information on Winter and her tail click here. For more information on Winter and the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, visit www.seewinter.com.

About "Dolphin Tale" – A 3D family movie released nationwide September 23, 2011, "Dolphin Tale" is inspired by the true story of Winter who was not expected to survive after losing her tail in a crab trap. Thanks to the rescue and rehabilitative care of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium combined with the innovative prosthetic work of Hanger, Winter's story of survival has become an inspiration to people all over the world. Playing a prosthetist in the movie, Morgan Freeman portrays the prosthetic work completed by Carroll and Strzempka.

About Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics – With 670+ patient care centers nationwide, the certified clinicians of Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics 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, visit www.hanger.com.

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