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SURGICAL ELITE OF AVONDALE PARTNERS WITH ASCOA
ASCOA will provide management support to ambulatory surgery center

AVONDALE, AZ – October 6, 2009 — Ambulatory Surgical Centers of America (ASCOA) announced today that it has acquired an interest in Surgical Elite of Avondale, a 15,273 square foot multi-specialty ambulatory surgery center located Avondale, Arizona.

ASCOA will provide financial and operations management, staff training, compliance, contracting and other services as part of the partnership. ASCOA's management will allow the physicians and surgeons at Surgical Elite of Avondale to concentrate on patient care.

The 30 physician partners in Surgical Elite of Avondale provide outpatient services in general surgery, gynecology, gastroenterology, orthopedics, pain management, podiatry, urology and otolaryngology (ENT).

“Surgical Elite of Avondale provides a private and sophisticated setting to deliver superior, clinical care. It is a real honor for ASCOA to have been invited to operate this state-of-the-art surgery center,” said Chris Bishop, Vice President of Acquisitions and Development for ASCOA. “We look forward to working with the physician partners to expand the range of surgical procedures available to patients at Surgical Elite. In fact, we have already received several calls from other area surgeons interested in bringing their patients to this exceptional facility.”

"The center was established to provide the patients in the Phoenix West Valley region with access to the latest techniques in top-quality medical and surgical care," said Dr. Daniel Charous, a physician partner and President of Surgical Elite of Avondale. "ASCOA is a proven management leader in this field. Our partnership will not only improve on an already stellar track record, but also keep us poised to provide first-rate care in a growing array of surgical specialties and procedures."

Surgical Elite of Avondale, located approximately 13 miles from downtown Phoenix, is fully licensed to provide outpatient surgical services and is a recognized Medicare provider facility.

ABOUT ASCOA

Based in Hanover, Mass., ASCOA (Ambulatory Surgical Centers of America) is a leader in the surgery center and surgical hospital industry. Dedicated to extraordinary patient care, ASCOA has developed a unique operating model that has proven highly effective in achieving outstanding clinical results, exceptional profitability and high levels of patient and physician satisfaction.

Founded by surgeons who individually owned and operated successful ambulatory surgery centers, ASCOA has developed or turned around over 50 ambulatory surgery centers. The unique combination of clinical and financial expertise has made ASCOA one of the fastest growing – and most successful – ASC companies in the country. www.ascoa.com

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