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ROME, Ga., June 13, 2011 – People with hip problems will benefit from the publication of a review article in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons by Harbin Clinic Orthopaedic Surgeon Brandon Bushnell, MD, and a team of top orthopaedists from around the country.

According to Dr. Bushnell, “Understanding of the etiology and pathology of hip instability has increased in recent years as new information has emerged regarding the disease processes of the hip.” He explained that hip instability was previously considered uncommon, but with better diagnostic tools, physicians are recognizing hip instability as a contributor to hip pain and the degenerative process. Surgical outcomes for patients with hip instability usually result in significantly decreased pain and greater mobility for the patient. Untreated hip instability accelerates the breakdown process of osteoarthritis, and may ultimately require the patient to undergo a more significant procedure at a later point in time.

Co-authors of the study with Dr. Bushnell are: Robert E. Boykin, MD, and Mininder S. Kocher, MD, of the Division of Sports Medicine, Children's Hospital of Boston; Adam W. Anz, MD, and Allston J. Stubbs, MD, of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center; and Marc J. Philippon, MD, of the Steadman Phillippon Research Institute.

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