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Harbin Surgeon becomes Fellow of American College of Surgeons

ROME, GA (Jan. 17, 2011) — J. Kelly Mayfield, M.D., was named a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) during convocation ceremonies at the College's 96th annual Clinical Congress in Washington, DC.

Dr. Mayfield received his medical doctorate degree in 2007 from Emory University and is currently practicing at Harbin Clinic. Dr. Mayfield's specialty is General Surgery. He is a member of the American Medical Association.

By meeting the Colleges stringent membership requirements, Fellow of the College have earned the distinguished right to use the designation of "FACS" (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after their names. An applicant for Fellowship must be a graduate of an approved medical school; must have completed advanced training in one of the 14 surgical specialties recognized by the College, must possess certification by an American Surgical specialty board; and must have been in practice in the same geographic location for at least one year at the time of his or her application. Before admission into Fellowship, the surgeon must further demonstrate ethical fitness and professional proficiency, and

his or her acceptance as a Fellow of the College must be approved by three-fourths of its Board of Regents.

The convocation ceremony was a highlight of the five-day meeting, which also featured reports on research-in-progress, postgraduate courses, panel discussions, symposia and scientific and industrial exhibits. Total estimated attendance at the Congress was 13,057, including approximately 8,170 physicians. Allied health professional and members of the scientific and consumer media also attended the meeting.

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the care of the surgical patient. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients.

Harbin Clinic is Georgia's largest physician-owned multi-specialty clinic. With approximately 160 doctors and extenders in 20 locations, Harbin Clinic provides care to thousands of people in North Georgia and parts of Alabama and Tennessee.

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