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Harbin Telesurgeon Attends Congress of Endoscopic Surgery

ROME, GA (June 23, 2010)--J. Ryland Scott, M.D., F.A.C.S., recently attended the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) 12th-annual World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery in Washington, D.C.

For the past three years, Dr. Scott has served as an appointed member of the SAGES Bariatric committee. The society's senior leadership selects 20 international academic thought leaders and educators from around the world to sit on the committee. Dr. Scott was chosen to participate in the committee due to his Bariatric and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery publications including research articles and textbook chapters and his commitment to ongoing education through telesurgery.

Using camera lenses in operating rooms and high speed internet, Dr. Scott has performed surgeries and provided commentary broadcast to educate doctors, students and executives from more than 40 countries around the world.

Dr. Scott specializes in Advanced Laparoscopy, and has been a part of the Harbin Clinic for eight years. He is also a member of the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

The Harbin Clinic and Dr. Scott were named an American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence® in 2009.

Bariatric surgery increases obese patients' quality of life and longevity by helping them manage challenging medical conditions related to their disease of obesity. As a Center of Excellence® designee, the Harbin Clinic Bariatric Surgery program demonstrates top-quality care, ensuring the procedures' effectiveness for each patient. Dr. Scott exemplifies this dedication to quality by ensuring a thorough, individualized pre-operative education and evaluation process. The Harbin Clinic hosts a multi-disciplinary team of specialists to support patients and enable their journey to improved health by providing specialty Bariatric nursing care and expertise.

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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