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Sports Concussion Management Still Hot Topic this Summer

Harbin Clinic Sports Medicine Physician Gives Local Televised Interview

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ROME, Ga., June 9, 2011 – Chad Wagner, MD, a sports medicine specialist with Harbin Clinic Orthopaedics, continues to educate the community on how to take the guesswork out of concussion detection, management and treatment.

A 30-minute interview with Dr. Wagner on the topic will air this coming week, Monday-Friday, at 7:30 p.m. on the Sara Hightower Regional Library Channel, Comcast Channel 4. Tune in to hear interesting facts, myths and details about sports concussions from Dr. Wagner. If you have a student athlete or play in a contact sport yourself, you'll not want to miss this informative series.

Dr. Wagner will highlight Harbin Clinic's Sports Concussion Program including the use of new technology, called ImPACT™, which Harbin Clinic Orthopaedics and Neurology are using in monitoring and treating area athletes.

In its first year of existence the Harbin Clinic Sports Concussion Program, directed by Dr. David Hale and Dr. Wagner, has partnered with local high schools and colleges to administer over 1500 ImpACT tests and treated almost 100 athletes with suspected concussions. Utilizing physicians with specific expertise in concussion management, including neurologists, family physicians, and sports medicine specialists, the Harbin Clinic provides a multidisciplinary approach as the leader in Sports Concussion management in Northwest Georgia.

According to Ken Davis, MD, Chief Executive Officer of Harbin Clinic, “Our Team Harbin Sports Medicine staff has worked diligently to become an officially certified provider of ImpACT™ testing. ImpACT™, which stands for ImmEDIATE Post-concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing, is the most widely used clinical concussion and head injury program for athletics in the United States.’

The ImpACT™ concussion management program is currently used by the National Football League, National Hockey League, Major League Baseball; many other professional sports organizations, several high-level NCAA colleges, and the US Olympic program. There is a national movement to expand this medical service to high schools, and Team Harbin is taking the lead to bring the program to North Georgia.

Harbin Clinic is Georgia’s largest physician-owned multi-specialty clinic with more than 200 providers in 20 locations throughout North West Georgia.

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