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The Oregon Clinic Announces Dr. Libby to Receive Prestigious Award by the American Thoracic Society

Lou Libby, M.D. named recipient of 2011 Breathing for Life Award

Portland, Ore., Jan. 26, 2011 – Lou Libby, M.D., a pulmonary critical care physician and Chief Medical Officer of The Oregon Clinic, will receive the 2011 Breathing for Life Award from the American Thoracic Society (ATS) Foundation at the Third Annual ATS Foundation Research Program Dinner to be held in Denver on Saturday, May 14, 2011. This is the highest honor that the Foundation can give to an ATS leader.

Dr. Libby was selected from several international candidates for his longstanding role in inspiring and encouraging ATS members and others to support the Foundation's charitable-giving mission, which plays a vital role in funding research relating to pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. He has served as Chair of the ATS Clinicians Advisory Committee from 2007 to the present.

In addition to the Breathing for Life Award, Dr. Libby has received numerous other awards and accolades, including the Mission Medal Award from Providence Portland Medical Center (2002) and the Outstanding Clinician Award from ATS (2007). The *Portland Monthly* magazine has highlighted Dr. Libby in its annual list of Top Doctors since its inception (2004-2011).

Dr. Libby is the third recipient to receive this prestigious honor. Nominees must demonstrate support for the specialties of respiratory, critical care and sleep medicine by raising awareness of the burden of diseases within these specialties and encouraging philanthropy from ATS members, non-ATS members and the public-at-large. Additionally, nominees must play an active philanthropic role within their own communities. Last year's Breathing for Life Award was given to U.S. Senator Mike Crapo of Idaho, the co-chair of the Congressional COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) Caucus.

“In addition to his outstanding skills as a physician, Dr. Libby is an inspiring colleague in many areas, including advocacy, patient care and giving back to the community,” said Craig Fausel, M.D., president and gastroenterologist at The Oregon Clinic. “We all congratulate him on this well-deserved award.”

The ATS Foundation was established in 2004 to raise funds for the ATS Foundation Research Program, which plays a critical role in ATS’s mission of preventing and treating respiratory disease through research, education, patient care and advocacy. The Foundation depends on the financial support of individuals, corporations and foundations for its success. Among the Foundation Trustees are scientists, clinicians, and representatives of industry and patient advocacy organizations.

About Lou Libby, M.D.

Dr. Libby graduated from George Washington University School of Medicine and later completed his internship, residency and became Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He completed his fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine also at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Libby is board certified in critical care medicine, pulmonary medicine, sleep medicine and internal medicine. He is Vice President of The Oregon Clinic and a physician within the clinic’s Pulmonary Critical Care & Sleep Medicine Division as well as a medical staff member at Providence Portland Medical Center and Providence Milwaukie. He is the past president of the Clinicians Advisory Committee and continues to serve on that committee as well as the Clinicians Nominating Committee, Publication Policy Committee and the Core Curriculum Task Force.

About The Oregon Clinic

The Oregon Clinic is one of the largest private specialty physician practices in Oregon, with more than 120 physicians practicing over 30 different medical and surgical specialties and sub-specialties. We use a team approach to address health conditions at 15 locations from Vancouver to Salem, and from Hood River to Astoria. Founded in 1994, our physicians and staff are committed to delivering the highest quality patient care, practicing evidence-based medicine, and providing leadership for the healthcare community.

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