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Dr. Paul Hansen of The Oregon Clinic Receives Prestigious National Award for Excellence in Clinical Care

Portland, Ore., May 24, 2010 – Paul Hansen, M.D., Gastrointestinal & Minimally Invasive Surgeon at The Oregon Clinic, recently received a prestigious national honor. He was awarded the 2010 Excellence in Clinical Care Award at the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) annual meeting on April 14, 2010. The presentation was made at an awards luncheon during the 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery held outside Washington, D.C. at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center.

The Excellence in Clinical Care Award is a new honor awarded to a surgeon who is recognized by the surgical and gastrointestinal community for excellence in patient care and surgical practice, significant surgical and endoscopic skills as well as contributions to the community and volunteerism. Nominations for the award come from the SAGES membership and the Awards Committee then has the task of selecting from the numerous names submitted.

SAGES represents a worldwide community of surgeons that brings minimal access surgery, endoscopy and emerging techniques to patients in every country. The organization has more than 5,000 surgeons and allied health professionals and is the largest general surgery society in the US.

“Dr. Hansen’s continual quest for better care of his patients epitomizes the intent behind this Excellence in Clinical Care Award,” said Dr. Lou Libby, Chief Medical Officer of The Oregon Clinic. “It is an award he well deserves, and we all congratulate him on this honor.”

About Paul Hansen, M.D.

Paul Hansen, M.D. is a Board-certified physician and surgeon specializing in Gastrointestinal and Minimally Invasive Surgery at The Oregon Clinic.

Paul Hansen is Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the Oregon Health Sciences University and is the Director of the Hepatobiliary Program at Providence Portland Medical Center. He also serves as Program Director, HPB postgraduate fellowship program, Providence Portland Medical Center. Dr. Hansen is Triple Fellowship trained and has been active in SAGES since he was a resident. He helped to pioneer minimally invasive approaches to liver and pancreatic cancers and has done original research on technology and approaches for liver tumor ablation (RFA).

Paul Hansen is a leader in laparoscopic liver resections and has advanced research in laparoscopic-assisted liver chemotherapy, including laparoscopic chemotherapy pump placement, laparoscopic assisted chemo-embolization. His work in robotic-assisted laparoscopic Whipple procedure is well known.

He is the driving force in the creation of a regional “center of excellence” for pancreatic and liver cancer and established one of the few postgraduate fellowships in hepatobiliary/pancreatic surgery. His educational efforts have included local MIS resident, nursing and community surgeon courses, national MIS courses as well as having developed and run an annual surgery day for local school children to come and tour operating rooms and practice laparoscopic surgery in his training lab.

He annually volunteers for overseas medical missions: Pakistan, Guatemala, Vietnam, Cambodia, and elsewhere. Dr. Hansen is an example of the fully realized surgeon. He’s a dedicated family man, brilliant clinician, productive researcher, constant teacher and selfless volunteer. He continues to push the frontiers of therapy in quest of better care of his patients.

About The Oregon Clinic

The Oregon Clinic is one of the largest private specialty physician practices in Oregon with more than 120 physicians. An evidence-based, multidisciplinary organization, The Oregon Clinic provides the highest quality care using a team approach to address medical conditions in over 30 different specialties and subspecialties at 15 locations from Vancouver to Salem, and from Hood River to Astoria. Founded in 1994 with the merger of several clinical groups in Portland, The Oregon Clinic is committed to providing the highest quality care, practicing data-driven medicine, and providing leadership for the healthcare community. The Oregon Clinic physicians are committed to providing excellent care in a respectful and compassionate manner.

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