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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA PHYSICIAN SHARES EXPERTISE AT LARGEST GATHERING OF ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS IN THE WORLD

Western North Carolina orthopedic surgeon Gordon I. Groh, M.D., a board-certified specialist in shoulder, elbow and hand surgery at Blue Ridge Bone & Joint in Asheville and Hendersonville, served as the course chairman for an instructional series on reverse shoulder replacement at the recent annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the preeminent provider of musculoskeletal instruction for orthopedic surgeons and others in the world.

Dr. Groh also presented a scientific exhibit detailing his experience with massive rotator cuff tears and served as an official evaluator for the meeting. The AAOS conference was held March 19-23, in Chicago, IL with some 30,000 attendees – the largest gathering of orthopedic surgeons in the world.

Dr. Groh is recognized nationally for his expertise, having been named one of the **65 Outstanding Shoulder Surgeons and Specialists** in the country by *Becker's Orthopedic, Spine & Pain Management Review*. Only five other shoulder surgeons across the Southeast were honored with this recognition, selected based on their expertise in shoulder surgery, positions of leadership in professional organizations and institutions, research and development in the field, and their reputation among other physician leaders.

He serves as Assistant Editor for the *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*, the official publication for eight leading specialty organizations focusing on medical, surgical, and physical techniques for treating injury and disease of the upper extremity. He also is a reviewer for the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, a twice-monthly peer review journal for orthopedic surgeons and researchers.

Dr. Groh is one of only four orthopedic surgeons in the nation to hold memberships in the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons (ASES) society as well as the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH). He was recently advanced from Associate to Active membership status in ASES, an educational body of select leading national and international orthopedic surgeons who specialize in surgery of the shoulder and elbow, open by invitation only. ASSH is the oldest medical specialty society in the U.S. devoted entirely to continuing medical education related to hand surgery.

Prior to joining Blue Ridge Bone & Joint 18 years ago, Dr. Groh served as a full-time faculty member and director of shoulder and elbow surgery at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver. He continues to actively pursue research and teaching opportunities, and has presented in every major city in the U.S., as well as in Mexico, Canada and Japan.

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