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LOCAL PHYSICIAN SHARES EXPERTISE AT LARGEST GATHERING OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS IN THE WORLD

Local orthopaedic surgeon Gordon I. Groh, M.D., a board-certified specialist in shoulder, elbow and hand surgery at Blue Ridge Bone & Joint, recently served as the course chairman for an instructional series on reverse shoulder replacement at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the preeminent provider of musculoskeletal instruction for orthopaedic surgeons and others in the world. Dr. Groh also presented a scientific paper detailing his experience with inferior shoulder dislocation and served as an official evaluator for the meeting.

The largest gathering of orthopaedic surgeons in the world, the AAOS conference was held Feb. 7-13, in San Francisco, Calif., with some 30,000 attendees.

In January, Dr. Groh led a session on shoulder fracture repair for another educational event, the 2012 Current Solutions in Shoulder and Elbow Surgery course at The Foundation for Orthopaedic Research and Education (FORE) in Tampa, Fla. He also served as the course moderator for a session on elbow surgery, as well as total shoulder and reverse shoulder replacement. The two-and-a-half day course was designed to provide orthopaedic surgeons with a comprehensive update on the surgical treatments for various shoulder and elbow disorders. The course was attended by orthopedic surgeons from throughout North America.

Dr. Groh is recognized nationally for his expertise, having been named in 2011 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.

Prior to joining Blue Ridge Bone & Joint 17 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.

Dr. Groh is one of only four orthopaedic 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). The ASES, open by invitation only, is an educational body of select leading national and international orthopaedic surgeons who specialize in surgery of the shoulder and elbow. Dr. Groh was recently advanced from *associate* to *active* status in the organization. ASSH is the oldest medical specialty society in the U.S. devoted entirely to continuing medical education related to hand surgery.

For more information about Dr. Groh, call Blue Ridge Bone & Joint at 258-8800 in Asheville or 692-4318 in Hendersonville, or visit www.DrGordonGroh.com.

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