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## The American Orthopaedic Society For Sports Medicine

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#### **CHICAGO WHITE SOX, BULLS TEAM DOCTOR BERNARD R. BACH JR., M.D. TO BE INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF SPORTS MEDICINE SOCIETY**

**CHICAGO – June 20, 2007** -- Bernard R. Bach Jr., M.D., a team physician for the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bulls, will be installed as the 36<sup>th</sup> president of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) on Saturday, July 14, 2007, during the Society's Annual Meeting in Calgary, Alberta, Canada (July 12-15).

A native of Michigan, Dr. Bach specializes in orthopaedic sports medicine at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Ill., and is currently the Claude Lambert-Susan Thomsen Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Rush University Medical Center and Rush Medical College, a post he has held since 1996. Dr. Bach is perhaps best known for his expertise in disorders of the shoulder and knee, particularly the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL).

Dr. Bach completed his undergraduate work at Harvard College in 1975 where he was an intercollegiate athlete in football and baseball. He received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 1979, returning to Harvard to complete his orthopaedic residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Bach then completed a sports medicine fellowship at the renowned Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City.

Dr. Bach came to Rush University Medical Center in 1986 as the Director of Sports Medicine. He established the Rush Orthopaedic Sports Medicine fellowship program in 1988 and serves as its Fellowship Director. In practice with his partners at Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush, Dr. Bach has trained over 80 residents and 42 sports medicine fellows, as well as many visiting orthopaedic surgeons. Throughout his career Dr. Bach has been a dedicated educator, serving as faculty to several national and international orthopaedic associations.

Dr. Bach has been a team physician or consultant for many athletic teams and organizations. In addition to treating the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bulls, he serves as the medical advisor to the Bert Pell-Pete Rozelle NFL Retirement and Disability Plan and since 1999 has served as consultant to the NHL. Dr. Bach has also served on the board of directors of the Illinois Special Olympics. He was inducted into the Illinois Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame in 1995.

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**(BERNARD R. BACH JR., M.D.)**

“I think many sports medicine specialists are drawn to the field because of our personal experience as athletes. We respect the drive, dedication, and motivation of athletes regardless of skill level to return to preinjury levels,” says Dr. Bach. “It has been a wonderfully challenging and rewarding career and it has been exciting to see the marked changes that have occurred in the nonsurgical and surgical care of the athlete. The dedication of our AOSSM members in advancing patient care has been extraordinary.”

Dr. Bach has held several leadership positions within AOSSM and has served on its board of directors for seven years. He has dedicated himself towards raising funds for orthopaedic research and education and has been instrumental in establishing an endowment specifically for research on sports-related injuries, treatment, and prevention.

Among his professional affiliations Dr. Bach has been a member of 20 medical and scholarly associations. He has authored or coauthored nearly 400 articles, book chapters, abstracts, texts, and monographs. Bach has delivered over 400 presentations to local, national, and international audiences. He has served as editor of *The Journal of Knee Surgery* since 2002.

Dr. Bach resides in River Forest, Ill., with his wife, Elizabeth. The Bachs have two children, David and Laura. In his spare time Dr. Bach enjoys woodworking, gardening, collecting antiques and pursues outdoor sporting activities such as fly fishing, whitewater rafting, and skeet shooting.

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The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM), a world leader in sports medicine education, research, communication and fellowship, is an organization of orthopaedic sports medicine specialists, including national and international sports medicine leaders. The Society works closely with many other sports medicine specialists including athletic trainers, physical therapists, family physicians and others to improve the identification, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of sports injuries. Please visit the AOSSM Web site, [www.sportsmed.org](http://www.sportsmed.org).

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