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**The American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons
Recognizes AJRR as its Official Registry**
*The American Joint Replacement Registry's Commitment
to Orthopaedic Quality Helps Solidify this Endorsement*

Rosemont, Ill. – December 28, 2015 – The American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR) and the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) announced today that AAHKS has designated AJRR as its official registry. This decision was approved by the AAHKS Board of Directors at their December meeting.

AJRR is a multi-stakeholder, not-for-profit organization that optimizes patient outcomes through the collection of data on primary and revision hip and knee replacement procedures throughout the US. By collecting and reporting data, the AJRR provides actionable information to guide physicians and patient decision making to improve care.

AAHKS has been a long-standing supporter of the AJRR over the years and has established a close collaborative relationship in many areas. AAHKS nominates its members to two seats on the AJRR Board of Directors. Also, the AJRR recently named *Arthroplasty Today*, an AAHKS sponsored publication, as their official journal. AAHKS has provided substantial financial support to the AJRR, and the two organizations have worked together to ensure that the Registry collects appropriate data that includes AAHKS approved measures and risk adjustment factors.

"Bringing our partnership with AAHKS to the next level is valuable and important to both organizations and the orthopaedic community as a whole," said AJRR Board of Directors Chair Daniel J. Berry, MD. "The AJRR will be increasingly providing information to AAHKS and its membership that will have an important impact on the practice of hip and knee replacement in the US and around the world. AJRR has progressed greatly this past year, having reached over 600 participating hospitals and releasing a Level III patient-reported outcome data collection platform."

AAHKS has over 2,700 members that come from the United States and 38 other countries. Their members are board certified and perform at least 50 hip and knee arthroplasties per year, so the data contained in AJRR's dashboards and annual reports are important to their practices.

"The AJRR has proven itself the premier source of hip and knee arthroplasty data," said AAHKS President Jay R. Lieberman, MD. "AAHKS has worked with AJRR since the beginning, providing guidance, support, and recommendations along the way. We are pleased and excited to see the AJRR rapidly achieving the goals we all have for our US national joint replacement registry."

For more information on the AJRR, please visit www.ajrr.net.

About the American Joint Replacement Registry

The American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR) is a multi-stakeholder, independent, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization for data collection and quality improvement initiatives for total hip and knee replacements. AJRR's goal is to optimize patient outcomes through collection of data on all primary and revision total joint replacement procedures in the US. The mission of the Registry is to enhance patient safety, improve quality of care, and reduce the cost of care. As of December 2015, the AJRR contains hip and knee procedures from over 600 hospitals, almost 4,400 surgeons in 50 states. The Registry is increasing at a rate of 4,000 procedures per week. Today, the Registry contains more than 400,000 procedures.

For more information about AJRR, visit www.ajrr.net

About AAHKS

Established in 1991, the mission of AAHKS is to advance hip and knee patient care through education and advocacy. AAHKS has a membership of over 2,700 surgeons. For more information, visit www.AAHKS.org