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Community Hospital Earns Orthopedic Center of Excellence Designation From DNV

Mesa County, CO - Community Hospital is pleased to announce the Community Orthopedic Group, composed of Western Orthopedics and Sports Medicine and Western Colorado Spine, has earned the Orthopedic Center of Excellence designation from DNV Healthcare Accreditation Services. The Orthopedic Center of Excellence designation affirms Community Hospital's excellence in the provision of diagnostic services, surgical services and therapies related to orthopedic care.

"This designation underscores our ability to provide consistent, high quality orthopedic care," said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital. "The community can be confident that we have state-of-the-art equipment, highly trained personnel and we have a steadfast commitment to maintain our orthopedic service line at peak performance. Achieving this designation validates the hard work and dedication of our entire staff to ensure the health and safety of our patients," added Thomas.

The DNV Orthopedic Center of Excellence designation is obtained by achieving certification in at least three (3) orthopedic service line programs based on requirements set forth by DNV and informed by the guidelines of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

"Achieving this designation shows a commitment to excellence," says Patrick Horine, President of DNV Healthcare USA Inc. "It helps demonstrate that the orthopedic practice is performing at the highest level," added Horine.

DNV is a global independent certification, assurance and risk management provider, operating in more than 100 countries. Through its broad experience and expertise, DNV advances safety and sustainable performance, sets industry benchmarks, drives innovative solutions.

For more information about the Community Orthopedic Group, please visit www.WesternOrthoSports.com. For more information about DNV, please visit www.dnvcert.com/healthcare.

About Community Hospital: Community Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado, is a full-service, acute care hospital licensed for 60 beds. As part of the Colorado West Healthcare System, we are a Level III Trauma Center that offers full outpatient diagnostic services and inpatient care for the Western Slope region of Colorado and eastern Utah. Community Hospital brings together expert staff and world-class technology in a healing, family-centered environment.

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