**SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE**

**Certification template for Advanced Total Hip and Knee Replacement program**

(Insert media contact information)

**(Organization name) awarded Advanced Total Hip and Knee Replacement Certification from The Joint Commission**

(CITY, State, Date) – (Organization name) has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for Advanced Total Hip and Knee Replacement Certification by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization’s commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

The certification, offered in collaboration with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, focuses on the pre-surgical orthopedic consultation to the intraoperative, hospitalization or ambulatory surgical center admission, rehabilitation activities, and follow-up visit with the orthopedic surgeon.

(Organization name) underwent a rigorous, unannounced onsite review on (date). During the visit, the a Joint Commission reviewer evaluated compliance with related certification standards including (insert most relevant standards areas – examples include: program management, supporting self-management, and delivering and facilitating clinical care). Joint Commission standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. The reviewer also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

“Advanced Total Hip and Knee Replacement Certification recognizes health care organizations committed to fostering continuous improvement in patient safety and quality of care,” says Deborah Ryan, MS, RN, interim executive vice president, Accreditation and Certification Operations, The Joint Commission. “We commend (organization name) for using certification to reduce variation in its clinical processes and to strengthen its program structure and management framework for orthopedic patients.”

(Insert quote from organization leader)

(Insert specific examples of how organization prepared for certification process and/or specific certification’s eligibility requirements)

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