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## **Hillcrest Acquires Majority Interest in Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital**

**Tulsa, Okla.** – Hillcrest HealthCare System (HHS) has successfully acquired a majority interest in Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital (TSSH), a joint venture supported by more than 50 physicians representing an array of surgical specialties. The price and financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

The new relationship strengthens Hillcrest HealthCare System's standing as the second largest provider of health care services in the region. And, the alignment, will allow the two organizations to share best practices improving care and service for patients across northeast Oklahoma.

"HHS is dedicated to providing our community with comprehensive health care services," said Kevin Gross, Hillcrest HealthCare System President and CEO. "The physicians and employees at Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital have worked diligently to become a leader in patient satisfaction, employee satisfaction and quality medical outcomes. We look forward to welcoming them to the Hillcrest HealthCare System network."

"HHS is a proven and recognized leader in patient outcomes," said Terry Woodbeck, Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital Chief Executive Officer (CEO). "Its focus on exceptional quality care supports our core principles and founders' goals of providing the best patient experience. We look forward to joining a large, local system that truly understands and supports the mission of TSSH."

The partnership is an additional investment in Tulsa and Oklahoma by Hillcrest's parent company, Ardent Health Services. Over \$350 million have been invested into Hillcrest's facilities, equipment and people since 2004.

**About Hillcrest HealthCare System**

Hillcrest HealthCare System (HHS) is one of eastern Oklahoma's leading health care providers. More than 5,000 HHS employees work each day to provide compassionate, innovative and high-quality healthcare in the communities they serve throughout the state. HHS is a comprehensive system comprised of Hillcrest Medical Center, Hillcrest Hospital South and Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital in Tulsa, Owasso's Bailey Medical Center, Hillcrest Hospital Claremore, Hillcrest Hospital Cushing, Hillcrest Hospital Henryetta, Oklahoma Heart Institute, and one of Oklahoma's largest physician groups - Utica Park Clinic.

**About Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital**

Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital specializes in excellence in Surgical Services, Diagnostic Imaging, and Pain Management. The hospital offers state-of-the art MRI, computed tomography and myelography technology. Located at 6901 S Olympia Ave, Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital was designed to offer a more personal and inviting experience than the typical medical facility. It anchors the Olympia Medical Park complex at 71st Street between U.S. Highway 75 and the Arkansas River across from the rapidly growing Tulsa Hills Shopping Center.

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