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The Surgery Center at Midlands Orthopaedics & Neurosurgery Earns Number One Spot in *Newsweek's* Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers for Second Consecutive Year

Columbia, S.C. –The Surgery Center at Midlands Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery has again been recognized as the number one ambulatory surgery center (ASC) in South Carolina by *Newsweek*.

The 2022 *Newsweek* survey identified the 475 best ASCs in 25 states. The rankings included Ambulatory Surgery Centers operating exclusively for the purpose of providing surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization and in which the expected duration of services would not exceed 24 hours following an admission.

The *Newsweek* ranking took into account ASC quality data, centers' handling of the COVID-19 crisis, and surveys of ASC nurses, therapists, physicians, surgeons and administrators. The number of ASCs awarded varied by state with South Carolina having ten.

Working with data research firm Statista, *Newsweek* analyzed ambulatory surgical center performance data. As part of the research, they conducted a survey of experts, asking nurses, therapists, physicians and surgeons, and administrators in ASCs for the best surgery centers in their state or a state they're familiar with. They also invited them to assess how well the ASC in question has handled the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis.

Janet Carlson, Chief Executive Officer of The Surgery Center at Midlands Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery surgery commented:

“Receiving this recognition by Newsweek again this year is of particular significance to our organization as it reflects our ongoing efforts to provide our community with the highest quality care available. Our entire team is fully committed to providing the best care and patient experience possible. Being selected as the best in South Carolina two years straight points to our unrelenting pursuit of excellence and patient well-being”.

About The Surgery Center at Midlands Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery

The Surgery Center at Midlands Orthopaedics & Neurosurgery is a freestanding ambulatory surgery center providing a full spectrum of care. Together with Surgical Care Affiliates (SCA), their vision is to be the practice of choice for outpatient spine and orthopaedic procedures. Experienced physicians, nurses, and technicians use advanced technology and equipment to provide high quality, care in a warm, personalized setting.

The Surgery Center at Midlands Orthopaedics & Neurosurgery is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) and strives to provide the best care possible by meeting and exceeding AAAHC standards for high-quality healthcare.

As a BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Blue Distinction Center+ for Spine Surgery, The Surgery Center at Midlands Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery has been shown to deliver improved patient safety and better health outcomes, based on objective measures that were developed by BlueCross and BlueShield companies with input from the medical community. The Surgery Center is the first Ambulatory Surgery Center in South Carolina to receive the BlueCross BlueShield + designation for Spine.

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