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**Lincoln Park Institute for Oral & Cosmetic Surgery Awarded Accreditation  
from Joint Commission**

*The Institute becomes first oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in Chicago accredited under the Joint Commission's Office-Based Surgery Accreditation Program.*

CHICAGO (July 26, 2006) – The Lincoln Park Institute for Oral & Cosmetic Surgery announced today that it has become the first oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in the city of Chicago to receive accreditation under the Office-Based Surgery Accreditation Program of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). A non-profit organization, JCAHO has provided health care accreditation since 1951 and is considered the United States' most respected, independent accreditation group.

The Lincoln Park Institute is one of only three oral and maxillofacial surgery practices in Illinois and among fewer than 30 oral and maxillofacial surgery practices in the entire U.S. accredited under JCAHO's Office-Based Surgery Accreditation Program.

"This is a great achievement for our entire staff, culminating nearly a year of careful preparation to ensure we met JCAHO's rigorous standards," said Drs. Marvin Greene and David H. Hanson, The Institute's co-founders. "To receive JCAHO accreditation, we had to meet or exceed 500 areas of compliance. This sharpened our already rigorous standards and improved every facet of our practice and patient care."

"The Lincoln Park Institute for Oral & Cosmetic Surgery underwent a thorough on-site evaluation against nearly 150 standards that promote quality care and patient safety," explained Michael Kulczycki, executive director, Ambulatory Care and Office-Based Surgery Accreditation Program, Joint Commission. "Its decision to pursue this voluntary process demonstrates its commitment to provide high quality care in a safe office environment," he continued.

JCAHO estimates that there are approximately 30,000 to 40,000 office-based surgery practices in the U.S. The organization says fewer than 300 are currently accredited under its Office-Based Surgery Accreditation Program. JCAHO predicts that the number of outpatient surgical procedures performed in 2005 in physician offices and ambulatory surgery centers surpassed those performed in hospitals. JCAHO accredits approximately 85 percent of all hospitals in the U.S.

**The Lincoln Park Institute for Oral & Cosmetic Surgery** ([www.lpinstitute.com](http://www.lpinstitute.com)) provides comprehensive oral and maxillofacial surgery services, cosmetic surgery services, and a full-service medi-spa that offers patients a complete line of non-invasive services, ranging from facials to laser treatments. The Institute also features Chicago's first (and currently only) i-CAT, a revolutionary imaging system providing low-dose, 3-D CAT scan tomographic images of the mouth and face to improve diagnosis and treatment – particularly for dental implants. Having served the community for a combined 30 years, Marvin Greene, D.D.S. and David H. Hanson D.D.S., M.D. founded The Institute in February 2005 to provide a unique resource for comprehensive, expert facial care in an inviting, comfortable and state-of-the-art environment.

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