



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Tracy Simons

Director, Community Relations/Marketing

(815) 740-7119

Press Release

Silver Cross Physicians Reach 2,000 Surgery Milestone

Dr. Christopher Joyce and Dr. Brian Lahmann are now in an elite class of surgical teams in the nation to surpass 2,000 bariatric surgeries

Joliet, IL (December 10, 2010) - Christopher Joyce, M.D., F.A.C.S. and Brian Lahmann M.D., F.A.C.S. , bariatric surgeons with BMI Surgery at Silver Cross Hospital, continue to be pioneers in bariatric medicine as they recently achieved the elite milestone of performing over 2,000 weight loss surgeries.

Together, they have completed over 2,000 weight loss operations including laparoscopic gastric bypass, laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, and LAP-BAND™ and REALIZE™ gastric band systems.

Over the past 7 years, they have worked diligently to attain BMI Surgery and Silver Cross Hospital unique distinctions of a Bariatric Center of Excellence as well as a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery. The two organizations are dedicated to helping patients win their personal battles with obesity and enjoy happier, healthier and longer lives.

Under the care of Drs. Joyce and Lahmann, patients benefit from a multidisciplinary approach, with the help of many different departments at Silver Cross Hospital. "Patients see an exercise physiologist, dietitian, cardiologist, psychologist, pulmonologist, and a bariatric nurse to get them ready for surgery," says Christopher Joyce, M.D., medical director with BMI Surgery. "We screen our patients very carefully to ensure their success and safety."

"I couldn't have found a better program," said 33-year old Amelia Kleymann, who has lost 158 pounds in one year since her weight loss surgery. "Overall my experience with BMI Surgery and Silver Cross Hospital was amazing! I felt the staffs at BMI Surgery and the hospital were extremely focused on my post-surgical care and were truly a key in my recovery."

BMI Surgery was the first practice in Will County to offer laparoscopic bariatric surgeries. “We prefer laparoscopic surgery because it offers the most benefits to our patients,” says Brian Lahmann, M.D., advanced laparoscopic bariatric surgeon with BMI Surgery. “Through laparoscopic procedures, patients are offered a safer method, shorter surgery and quicker recovery time, so they can return to their daily routine sooner.”

To find out more about the bariatric surgery program at Silver Cross Hospital, attend a free informational session on both traditional and laparoscopic surgery on any Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Specialty Care Pavilion at the hospital, 1300 Copperfield Ave, in Joliet. To attend, visit www.bmisurgery.org or call 1-888-660-HEAL (4325).

About Christopher Joyce, M.D., F.A.C.S.

As an experienced member of the Illinois Association of Bariatric Surgeons, Dr. Christopher Joyce specializes in weight loss surgery. He performed the first open and laparoscopic gastric bypass, LAP-BAND™ and REALIZE™ and laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy surgeries at Silver Cross Hospital and in Will and Grundy Counties. And, he founded and developed BMI-Bariatric and Minimally Invasive Surgery at Silver Cross Hospital. Recently, Dr. Joyce was elected as President of the Illinois Association of Bariatric Surgeons (IABS), which is comprised of bariatric surgery physicians dedicated to advancing the art and science of bariatric surgery. IABS is a local chapter of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).

Dr. Joyce is board certified by the American Board of Surgery. He received his medical degree in 1986 from Loyola University Medical Center. He completed a general surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center where he was both Intern of the Year and Outstanding Chief Resident. He has served as a Clinical Instructor at Loyola University, Assistant Professor of Surgery at University of Chicago, and Academic Director of Surgery and Chief Academic Officer at MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn. Dr. Joyce also served as the Assistant Dean for University of Chicago’s Biological Science Division and Pritzker School of Medicine at MacNeal Hospital.

In addition, he has been named a Top Doctor in *Consumers’ Checkbook* and he has been recognized for several years as a “Top Doc” for outstanding patient satisfaction by Silver Cross Hospital. His office is located with Bariatric and Minimally Invasive Surgery in the Specialty Care Pavilion on the Silver Cross Hospital campus, 1300 Copperfield Ave., Suite 1080, Joliet. To schedule an appointment, call (815) 723-8571.

About Brian Lahmann M.D., F.A.C.S.

Dr. Brian Lahmann specializes in general, advanced laparoscopic and bariatric surgery. He is board certified by the American Board of Surgery. He received his medical degree in 1998 from University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and completed a general surgery residency at University of Kentucky where he received multiple honors. He also completed a laparoscopic and bariatric surgery fellowship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Specially trained in minimally invasive surgical procedures, Dr. Lahmann won the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeon's Laparoscopic Skills Competition, Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons and the University of Kentucky TOP GUN Laparoscopic Skills Competitions.

Dr. Lahmann lectures nationally and has published several articles on laparoscopic and bariatric surgery. As an experienced surgeon, he has performed thousands of laparoscopic procedures to treat obesity, hernias, spleens, reflux disease or heartburn, hiatal hernias, bile duct stones, adrenal masses, polyps, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease, achalasia, pancreatitis, gallbladders, inguinal hernias, colon cancer and more. To schedule an appointment, call (815) 723-8571.

About Silver Cross Hospital

Silver Cross Hospital is a not-for-profit health care provider serving Will County and southwest suburban communities since 1895. Silver Cross has been recognized as a Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals National Award winner for the last six consecutive years and as one of America's Most Customer Friendly Hospitals by the American Alliance of Healthcare Providers. With over 2,500 employees, physicians and volunteers, Silver Cross operates a 304-bed acute care hospital and ten satellite facilities providing outpatient services and physician offices. Construction is underway to build a state-of-the-art replacement hospital opening in 2012 in New Lenox. To learn more about Silver Cross Hospital or a referral to a physician on staff, visit www.silvercross.org or call 1-888-660-HEAL (4325).

END