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**The Oregon Clinic Welcomes Dr. Chet Hammill  
to its Gastrointestinal & Minimally Invasive Surgery Division**

**Portland, Ore., July 12, 2011** – The Oregon Clinic welcomes Chet Hammill, M.D., to its Gastrointestinal & Minimally Invasive Surgery division. Dr. Hammill is a board-certified surgeon specializing in liver and pancreatic disease. His special clinical interests are surgical diseases of the liver, pancreas, and biliary system with an additional focus on minimally invasive and robotic surgery.

Dr. Hammill's education began with an interest in aerospace medicine at the University of Illinois, where he received both a Doctor of Medicine degree in 2004 and a Master of Science in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering in 2002. He completed a general surgery residency at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, HI, and a fellowship in Hepatobiliary and Pancreas Surgery at Portland Providence Medical Center in Portland, Ore.

Dr. Hammill received the Resident Achievement Award from the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons in 2009 and has presented numerous research studies on liver cancer and other diseases of the liver. A true "renaissance man" with broad interests, Dr. Hammill studied as an undergraduate in St. Petersburg, Russia and Osaka, Japan. He also holds a patent for a novel method of satellite communications and speaks Japanese.

“I am looking forward to working with the high caliber physicians at The Oregon Clinic,” said Dr. Hammill. “Their mission of providing the latest surgical techniques and achieving the best possible outcomes, while also putting the patient’s needs first, aligns perfectly with my own goals.”

### **About The Oregon Clinic**

The Oregon Clinic is the largest private specialty physician practice in Oregon, with more than 120 physicians practicing over 30 different medical and surgical specialties and sub-specialties. We use a team approach to address health conditions at more than 15 locations from Vancouver to Salem, and from Hood River to Astoria. Founded in Portland in 1994, our physicians and staff are committed to delivering the highest quality patient care, practicing evidence-based medicine, and providing leadership for the healthcare community. Visit [www.orclinic.com](http://www.orclinic.com) or call (503) 935-8000 for more information.

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