Conference to Focus on Surgery Centers

Atlanta (Jan., 2002) - Regulatory requirements that have significant business implications affecting ambulatory surgery centers will be the focus of a conference hosted by Surgery Center Consultants and the law firm of Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP. The conference is scheduled for March 15, 2002, at the Marietta Perimeter Center in Atlanta, Georgia and is designed for physicians, operating room directors, nurses, administrators, attorneys, and industry consultants.

Featured speakers include James E. Courtney, RN, Regional Director of the Healthcare Section of the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Office of Regulatory Services; a representative from the Georgia Division of Health Planning; representatives from SurgiSource and HealthIS; and Morris, Manning & Martin healthcare attorneys Kimberly B. Greaves, Daniel J. Mohan, Robert C. Threlkeld and Sidney Summers Welch. Topics of discussion include regulatory requirements and business strategies under the fraud and abuse laws, certificate of need requirements, the HIPAA privacy rule, and electronic transactions and medical records.

In the U.S. alone, 2,700 ambulatory surgery centers are able to achieve tremendous cost and time efficiencies by performing low risk, high-quality procedures in an out-patient setting without hospital admission. The types of surgeries typically performed at these centers include plastic surgery, urological procedures, laser surgery, gastroenterology procedures, ophthalmic surgery, GYN procedures, podiatry services, orthopedic surgery and ENT procedures.

For more information on the conference, contact Jennie Simmons at 770-939-2799 or Kimberly Greaves at 404-504-7634.

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