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BSN medical, Inc. Orthopaedics Awarded HealthTrust Purchasing Group Agreement

The Orthopaedics division of BSN medical, Inc. was recently awarded an agreement with HealthTrust Purchasing Group (HPG). The contract covers BSN's industry leading lines of synthetic splinting and casting products, plaster splinting and casting tapes, cotton and synthetic stockinette, and accessories. The agreement takes effect on November 1, 2005. Carl Meyer, BSN medical's Vice President of National Accounts and Distributor Relations, comments, "This new agreement provides a first in the industry that allows HPG members to drive standardization in this category to an HPG contracted supplier while leveraging their supply channel of choice to maximize their total savings."

About HealthTrust

HealthTrust Purchasing Group (HPG), headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, is a group purchasing organization that supports not-for-profit and for-profit acute care hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, alternate care sites, and physician practices. With an annual purchasing volume of more than \$6 billion, HPG is committed to obtaining the best price for clinically-recommended products, ensuring their timely delivery and continuously evaluating and improving our services to the patients, physicians and clinicians we serve.