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**Premier Awards a Three-Year Contract to BSN medical, Inc. Orthopaedics**

**Charlotte, NC** --- Premier Purchasing Partners, LP, the group purchasing unit of Premier, has awarded a three-year contract to the Orthopaedics division of BSN medical, Inc.

The contract will allow BSN medical to offer over 1,500 Premier hospitals and alternate site facilities a variety of plaster and synthetic casting and splinting products, cotton and synthetic under cast padding, cast tapes, and stockinettes. The contract will take effect on November 1, 2004.

The BSN medical product line includes world-class orthopedic brands including Specialist® Plaster of Paris, Ortho-Glass® Synthetic Splinting System, Delta-Cast® Synthetic Cast Tapes, Actimove® Orthopedic Soft Goods, and Gypsona® Plaster. For more information, contact the BSN medical Orthopaedics headquarters at (800) 552-1157 or visit their website at [www.bsnmedical.com](http://www.bsnmedical.com).

**About Premier, Inc.**

Premier, Inc., is a strategic alliance in U.S. healthcare, entirely owned by nearly 200 of the nation's leading hospital and healthcare systems. These systems operate or are affiliated with nearly 1,500 hospital facilities in 50 states and hundreds of other care sites. Premier provides an array of resources supporting health services delivery in the key areas of supply chain improvement and group purchasing, comparative data and benchmarking, and insurance. Premier is headquartered in San Diego, CA, with offices in Chicago, IL; and Charlotte, NC. Advocacy and policy offices are located in Washington, DC. For more information, visit [www.premierinc.com](http://www.premierinc.com).