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PITTSBURGH, May 9 /PRNewswire/ – More than 100 physicians and healthcare professionals – most of them golfers – will participate in a three-day symposium to discuss how the medical profession can become more active in improving the safety and medical preparedness of golf courses, where about 26 million golfers in the United States participate in one of the more popular sports of all time. The first Golf Medicine Symposium will take place May 17-19 at the Lakeview Scanticon Resort and Conference Center in Morgantown, W.Va.

The meeting is being sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine's departments of emergency medicine and orthopaedic surgery. Among the topics that will be discussed are the establishment of automated defibrillation programs for golf courses, prevention and treatment of common golf-related injuries, and ways physicians can help their patients to continue to enjoy the game of golf despite pre-existing health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, osteoporosis, cardiovascular and neurologic diseases.

The golf course is the fifth most likely public location for cardiac arrest, and it is estimated that 75 percent of courses are not equipped to handle medical emergencies.

“As the sport of golf continues to gain in popularity, the chances of a medical emergency occurring on the golf course likely will increase,” said Paul Paris, M.D., F.A.C.E.P., professor and chairman of the department of emergency medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and co-director of the symposium.

Selected presenters' topics range from the less serious, such as biomechanics of swing faults, putting yips (a golfer's phrase for missing a short put) and club fitting, to the severe, such as lightning strikes, sudden cardiac arrest and golf cart injuries.

Two nationally known golf medicine experts will give keynote addresses. They are Bill Mallon, M.D., an orthopaedic surgeon, golf professional and author of “The Golf Doctor: How to Play a Healthier, Better Round of Golf,” who will talk about life on the tour; and Ed Palank, M.D., a cardiologist and author of “The Golf Doc: Health Humor and Insight to Improve Your Game,” who will cover Links For Life, a public awareness campaign aimed at improving the survival rate from sudden cardiac arrest and heart attacks on golf courses and other public places.

“This meeting will enable physicians to share ideas and prescribe appropriate treatment to patients who love to play, but who have been derailed from the golf course due to injury or illness,” added Dr. Paris.